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ACTIONABLE DATE REMINDERS

- **26-30 April 2010:** Mumia Abu Jamal supporters will hold a demonstration and "press conference" in front of the Department of Justice in Washington, DC. Other April activities include sending birthday cards and monetary donations by post to the prison where Abu Jamal is being held (SCI Greene in Waynesburg), pending execution. ITRR analysts note that the supporters of Mumia Abu Jamal lay blame for his imprisonment and pending execution at the feet of both the US Government and the Pennsylvania criminal justice system. Pennsylvania can expect a period of activity (on behalf of Abu Jamal) for the remainder of April, with a limited possibility of more radical actions by individual Abu Jamal supporters.
- **1-30 April 2010:** World-wide animal rights activists are holding "Animals in Laboratories Month." Any facility that uses animals in scientific research may see protests. ITRR researchers are monitoring activist communications for possible Pennsylvania-region events and ramifications.
- **30 April-30 May 2010:** Potential high-profile targets for anti-gun protest activity include **Pennsylvania gun shows** this month and next. These include:
 - **30 April-2 May 2010:** **York**, at the York Fairgrounds
 - **15-16 May 2010:** **Philadelphia** (Oaks), at the **Greater Philadelphia Expo Center**

- **22-23 May 2010:** Philadelphia, at the National Guard Grounds
- **29-30 May 2010:** Bristol, at Kings Caterers (4010 New Falls Rd.)
- **29-30 May 2010:** Wind Gap, at the Plainfield Township Fire Company Social Hall (6480 Sullivan Trail)
- **6 May 2010:** (from PAIB 75). The targeting of JP Morgan Chase by environmental activists continues. New communications from the radical **Rainforest Action Network** (RAN) call for "actions on campuses, in the streets and out in front of Chase's branches and offices around the country." The group concludes its call for action saying, "See you in the streets!")
- **23 May 2010:** In Philadelphia, the annual Israel Independence Day celebration, which regularly attracts thousands of supporters and anti-Israel protesters, will be held at Penn's Landing on the Delaware River Waterfront. ITRR analysts have noted increased chatter among jihadists, anarchists and radical anti-war elements discussing hostile attacks on Jewish and Israeli assets worldwide, which can include the Israeli consulate in Philadelphia, high-profile Jewish institutions, synagogues, communal events and pro-Israel gatherings (such as the Penn's Landing Event.)

SECTOR-SPECIFIC THREATS, INDICATORS AND/OR WARNINGS

SECTOR: GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

1. *Continuing Jihadist Pressure to Strike in Egypt*

ITRR researchers have intercepted recent jihadist communications focusing on Egypt. The communicators, identifying themselves as "**The Youth of Egypt**," reacted to the death of the *Al-Qaeda* leaders in Iraq and the lack of recent jihadist activity in Egypt.

This recent communication attempts to embarrass the Muslim Brotherhood within Egypt into taking action, calling on its members to learn from the actions of Abu Omar Al-Baghdadi and Abu Hamza Al-Muhajir, the deceased leaders of **Al-Qaeda** in Iraq. "You sit in your houses and listen to music, enjoying the good life, and this is how you run a jihad," the communication chastises, "so what can we say about Abu Omar Al-Baghdadi, who actually did a jihad properly and fought the infidels."

The jihadists behind the communication claim that "here in our beloved Egypt we don't appreciate anyone from the leadership of the Muslim Brotherhood, because our leader is the one who walks in the path of jihad according to the prophet's words, plain and simple, and not according to what Obama and his accomplices have defined." Thus, "your Jihad is wrong and it is embarrassing to consider it a jihad."

"**The Youth of Egypt**" conclude by praying that there will soon be "operations" carried out in Egypt by a local Al-Qaeda branch.

***** ANALYSIS *****

T/I/W Rating: MODERATE

ITRR analysts are treating this communication, coupled with previous recent jihadist communications, as a continuing indicator of **Al Qaeda's** intent to conduct operations in the countries (Jordan and Egypt) surrounding Israel in the near future. Similar targeting advice for Egypt resulted in attempted kidnappings of Westerners and an attempted bombing of a Jewish target in Cairo.

Foreigners and non-Muslims in general are equally targeted by jihadist elements in Egypt for attack and abduction. One motive for such attacks is to weaken the Egyptian government itself, which is perceived as a secularized, corrupting regime. In PAIB Nos. 18, 20 and 23, ITRR analysts expressed the view that there is an elevated risk of attack in Egypt - especially against high-visibility government offices, tourist sites and in the Sinai. Terror operations directed at Western targets, therefore, are expected to continue.

Pennsylvania students attending the **American University in Cairo**, Egypt (BEG) should be advised of the current increased danger of terrorist activity. Also vulnerable as targets for abduction or attack are those who travel in vehicles with markings indicating Western companies or organizations.

Sectors: AGRICULTURE AND FOOD, DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL BASE & GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

2. Targeting: Jordan and the US Food Supply

Jihadists in the Middle East have discussed attacking a Dubai-based company, Anham, that will be supplying food and support services to the **US military in Kuwait, Iraq** and **Jordan** as of this month. The jihadists also name Jordan as a target because the head of Anham is a Jordanian citizen.

Anham, an investment holding and services company, is a leading contractor in the Middle East, North Africa, Central Asia and Europe, including Iraq, Afghanistan, Russia and Libya.

One jihadist commented on the Anham contract with a prayer that a terrorist will succeed in attacking "all these collaborators, including the Jordanian devil (referring to Jordan's King Abdullah II - *ITRR*)."

The communication specifically praises the attack of Abu Dujana Al-Khurasani, in which he gained the trust of CIA operatives and managed to kill seven of them in a suicide bombing in Afghanistan in December 2009.

***** ANALYSIS *****

T//W Rating: MODERATE

Jordan

In November 2009 ITRR analysts identified jihadist communications and related activities that will likely move Jordan back into center stage for terrorist attack by different regional groups. The jihadist movements oppose the Hashemite Kingdom due to its collaboration with the USA on counterterrorism and its relations with Israel.

In a fairly explicit communication from 2 February 2010 (cited in PAIB No. 42) ostensibly taunting Jordanian intelligence services, a jihadist discusses bombing tactics and strategies that he implies are already in motion. Alluding to deadly bombings in Amman in 2005, the communication said, "Do not believe an attack in a hotel is our upper limit."

In light of the foregoing, ITRR analysts recommend that **Pennsylvanian students, tourists and business travelers** be made aware of the heightened level of risk in Jordan. Specifically of note is that **University of Pennsylvania students on AMIDEAST programs at Qasid Institute in Amman** initially stay in a hotel in the city during orientation week. ITRR analysts reiterate that recent acts of terror targeting civilians have struck hotels and other venues used by Westerners.

Food Supply Lines

ITRR analysts believe the above communication may also serve as targeting guidance or motivational inspiration for poisoning **American food supply lines worldwide**.

Beginning with communications from January 2010, jihadists have encouraged infiltration of Western military forces "to recruit soldiers from those forces and use them to carry out lethal military attacks against the Americans who train them." Also mentioned was infiltration of "companies that provide food to the enemy military and to poison the food with lethal toxins or to put explosives in the shipments."

As noted in PAIB No. 52, media reports in February 2010 indicated that five Arabic-speaking foreign-language specialists who were being trained by the US military were being investigated for evidence of plans to poison American soldiers at Ft. Jackson, North Carolina. The details of the alleged plan included injecting poison into the food delivered to soldiers at the base.

The above events and targeting communications should encourage a greater awareness of force supply line security, as well as indicating the vulnerability of civilian food and water supplies to sabotage. Due to the sharing of information and motivational cross-pollination among terrorists, security personnel should review and tighten protocols for the protection of **water and food supplies in Pennsylvania**, as well.

Based on previous targeting efforts by domestic and foreign jihadists, **Pennsylvania military facilities** may be singled out for food and water supply contamination. These facilities include:

- **Carlisle Barracks** (Cumberland County)

- Letterkenny Army Depot (Franklin County)
- Tobyhanna Army Depot (Monroe County)
- Fort Indiantown Gap National Guard Training Center (Lebanon County)
- Naval Support Activity (Cumberland County).

SECTORS: ENERGY AND GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

3. *Risk of Imminent AQIM Violence in Nigeria*

ITRR researchers have intercepted new (25 April 2010) Islamist communications indicating an increase in violence in Nigeria in the immediate future.

Nigeria has been the scene of inter-religious conflict which has resulted in hundreds of civilian casualties. ITRR analysts expect this conflict to continue in the immediate future. Addressing Muslims in Nigeria, or perhaps globally, a jihadist from *Al-Qaeda of the Islamic Maghreb* (AQIM) comments simply:

"Your brothers of the Islamic Maghreb did not forget the brothers in Nigeria. Revenge is on its way - today or tomorrow."

***** ANALYSIS *****

T/I/W Rating: SEVERE

ITRR analysts note that *AQIM* has previously stated its intention to enter the intra-Nigerian conflict on behalf of the Muslim residents of Nigeria. For example, *AQIM* issued a communiqué last year pledging to avenge spilled Muslim blood in Nigeria by attacking Christians. This followed an August 2009 declaration by Nigeria's anti-Western *Boko Haram* (BH; a.k.a. Nigerian Taliban) Islamist group formally placing itself at the service of *Al-Qaeda*. However, unlike most of the previous jihadist communications regarding Nigeria, the above statement specified the targeting of Americans and, by extension, all Westerners in the country.

The newest *AQIM* threat indicator is in addition to the ongoing, though unrelated, high risk of attack by separatist militants in the Niger Delta region (see PAIB No. 72, for example).

ITRR analysts reiterate their guidance regarding expected increasing inter-religious reprisal violence, as well as violence targeting Westerners in increasing numbers in many areas of Nigeria. ITRR recommends that Westerners working in Nigeria increase personal protection at this time, including exchange students from the *University of Pennsylvania's School of Dental Medicine*. In the event of significant disruption of oil supplies following Nigerian separatist attacks, there is likely to be a notable impact in North America, as well, including Pennsylvania.

Sectors: GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

4. **'Absolute Solidarity with Greek Workers'**

In a new anarchist communication, anti-authoritarians and anarchists are called upon to step up their activities in "in absolute solidarity with Greek workers, comrades and everyone in [the] struggle." The communiqué concludes with a call for "strengthening your struggle in your respective areas."

The reason for the new appeal for solidarity with Greek anarchists (already a well-known cause), is the Greek government agreeing to the joint International Monetary Fund-European Union economic rescue plan. The conspiracy-minded among the anarchists link an alleged incident of police brutality this past week with the Greek decision to accept the rescue plan.

The anarchist writer foresees that "Greece in the near future" will indicate what is in store for the rest of the European Union.

***** ANALYSIS *****

T/I/W Rating: MODERATE

As noted in PAIB Nos. 59 and 62, ITRR analysts identified the likelihood of escalating action by anarchist elements in Greece. This escalation has been manifest in street clashes, arson, bombings and other sabotage in the last two months alone. As noted in previous PAIB editions, widespread Greek anarchist rioting and attacks have gained admiration among anarchists worldwide. The **Boston Anti-Authoritarian Movement**, for example (see PAIB No. 73), held events this month in support of what has become known as "the Greek Insurrection."

Therefore, ITRR analysts reiterate that the indicators identified above point to an increased risk of anarchist activity in the US in reaction to overseas events. Any disorders will not be limited to cities having Greek consulates and embassies; however, protests in cities in which Greek representative offices are located will most likely focus on those offices.

The "**Greek Insurrection**" may inspire significant vigorous protest marches, or even disorders, in areas with significant anarchist populations during May (dubbed the "Month of Anarchy" in 2010 anarchist communications). ITRR analysts further believe that **NEAN (Northeast Anarchist Network)**, which demonstrated its strength at the G20 talks in Pittsburgh, will be stepping up its activities (legal and illegal) in the northeastern US following its latest planning activities and through May 2010.

ITRR analysts believe that May anarchist events (see PAIB No. 73, for example) on the East Coast of the US, including Pennsylvania, pose a moderate risk to public order. ITRR is currently monitoring anarchist networks for specific targeting indicators in Pennsylvania.

No actionable intelligence at this time for the following sectors:

BANKING AND FINANCE
CHEMICAL
COMMERCIAL FACILITIES
COMMUNICATIONS
CRITICAL MANUFACTURING
DAMS
EMERGENCY SERVICES
HEALTHCARE AND PUBLIC HEALTH
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
NATIONAL MONUMENTS AND ICONS
NUCLEAR REACTORS, MATERIALS, AND WASTE
POSTAL AND SHIPPING
TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS
WATER

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THREAT / INDICATOR / WARNING RATING	DESCRIPTION
LOW (Level 4)	Available intelligence and recent events indicate that hostile elements currently have little capability or intent to take action against the target. It is assessed that, although it cannot be ruled out, an attack or action is unlikely to be mounted based on current available intelligence.
MODERATE (Level 3)	Available intelligence and recent events indicate that hostile elements have the capability to take action against the target and that such action is within the adversary's current intent. It is assessed that an attack or action is likely to be a priority and might well be mounted.
SEVERE (Level 2)	Available intelligence and recent events indicate that hostile elements have an established capability and current intent to take action against the target and there is some additional information on the nature of the threat. It is assessed that an attack or action on the target is a priority and is likely to be mounted.
CRITICAL (Level 1)	Available intelligence and recent events indicate that hostile elements with an established capability are actively planning to take action against the target within a matter of days (up to two weeks). An attack or action is expected imminently.

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