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### ONGOING RESEARCH

#### **1. 'Direct Action' Targeting Energy Industry**

Anti-coal mining activists and related organizations have recently been increasing training and actions targeting the coal industry and related facilities. Training sessions in West Virginia and Virginia have focused on "skills and knowledge" regarding tactics for "direct action". Eco-extremist and anti-capitalist communications of 8 January 2010 and thereafter include explicit calls for sabotage of major facilities and murder. Primary targets will continue to be coal and nuclear energy facilities, as well as nuclear waste transit points. ITRR analysts identified several specific assets and industries that may be targets for eco-activist "direct action" in Pennsylvania, including branches of financial institutions such as JP Morgan Chase, Citi Bank, Goldman Sachs and Bank of America. Other companies identified as targets of ecological activists were coal companies involved in open pit or "mountain top removal" coal operations, power companies that burn this coal, and the offices of Duke Energy. (PAIB nos. 2, 20, 32, 33 and 43)

#### **2. Anti-Nuclear Weapons Day of Action**

Anti-nuclear weapons activists are planning and perpetrating "direct actions" as practical field training leading up to an International Day of Action on 3 April 2010, slated to be an International Day of Action to ban nuclear weapons. Activists have been called upon to engage in mass direct actions in Europe, with possible solidarity "actions" in North America. Although not weapons bases, nuclear facilities such as those of Beaver Valley, Limerick, Peach Bottom and Three Mile Island may be targeted for protests. Additionally, environmental activists have repeatedly cited Pennsylvania as a leader in nuclear waste production (although the state does not have a disposal site), and nuclear waste through shipments. In solidarity with the Belgian activists, who are spearheading the April event and pre-event training, Pennsylvania-region anti-nuclear-

weapons activists may also hold protests at Belgium's diplomatic offices in Media and in Pittsburgh. (PAIB nos. 44 and 50)

### ***3. May to be a 'Month of Anarchy'***

The Northeast Anarchist Network (NEAN) called upon "anarchists, anti-authoritarians and other comrades to turn this May (2010) into a Month of Anarchy, throughout the Northeast and beyond." ITRR analysts believe that NEAN will be stepping up its activities (legal and illegal) in the northeastern United States following its latest planning activities and through May 2010. In addition, there remains the risk that non-local Anarchist cells will adopt more radical behavior than their local counterparts. ITRR researchers are monitoring the Anarchist networks for targeting indicators in Pennsylvania. (PAIB no. 50)

### ***4. Jihadists Focus on Sports Venues***

Recent jihadist communications have focused on tactics and strategies for attacks on sports events, using sports paraphernalia or infiltration of sports stadiums. The explicit reference to sports venues dovetailed with previous jihadist tactical communications regarding the use of Western-born terrorists wearing inconspicuous, appropriate clothing. This intelligence takes on added urgency due to the ongoing Vancouver Olympics, as well as high-profile professional and collegiate sporting events in Pennsylvania. (PAIB nos. 42 and 47)

### ***5. Increase in Northern Ireland***

Active cells of RIRA and CIRA remain an ongoing and growing threat in Northern Ireland. The dissident republican groups are primarily targeting law enforcement; however, last year saw targeting of civilian assets such as Orange Halls and GAA (Gaelic soccer) clubs in North Antrim, churches, and Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) halls. General situational awareness is called for among students and faculty associated with overseas programs in Northern Ireland, such as those of Millersville University and the Pennsylvania College of Technology. (PAIB no. 52)

### ***6. India Confronting Violent Jihad, Separatism and Communism***

India has recently seen a notable increase in jihadist, Communist and separatist terrorism throughout the country, with the latest deadly bombing attack targeting a foreign bakery in Pune. In the wake of the bombing, India has moved to high alert. Aside from the general increased risk of jihadist attacks in the major cities (Delhi, Kolkata and Mumbai specifically), there has been a jihadist focus on the Jammu and Kashmir regions. In addition, there is a small, extremely limited risk of jihadist lone-wolf targeting of Indian assets in Pennsylvania, such as Hindu and Sikh temples or activities of the Indian Cultural Association of Pennsylvania (ICAP). The uptick in Communist and regional insurgent attacks was noted in October 2009 and has yet to abate. (PAIB 44, 41 and 47)

### ***7. Turkey: Kurdish Unrest Expected; Possible Attacks in Planning Stages***

Turkish authorities expect that the Kurdish Communities Union (KCK) will hold large, unruly and potentially violent protests in the eastern and southeastern provinces of Turkey from 15 February 2010 until March 21. In December, the Freedom Hawks of Kurdistan (FHK) issued a clear and explicit threat against Turkish cities. ITRR recommends that faculty and students attending the Philadelphia-based American Research Institute in Turkey (ARIT) facilities in Ankara and Istanbul, as well as at other regional institutions, increase situational awareness. (PAIB nos. 23 and 41)

## SECTOR-SPECIFIC THREATS, INDICATORS AND/OR WARNINGS

### Sectors: COMMERCIAL FACILITIES

#### **8. Local Grocery Store Protests to Start Next Week**

The Rainforest Action Network (RAN) is planning what it has dubbed National Palm Oil Week of Action for 7-13 March 2010.

For this action, RAN is calling on concerned citizens to protest outside grocery stores against General Mills palm oil products, which are presumably on the store shelves. RAN claims General Mills palm oil production involves destruction of Indonesian rainforests. Their protest "pack" includes innocuous and legal items such as "fun educational postcards, palm oil factsheets, a petition to General Mills, talking points, and a bumper sticker".

\*\*\*\*\*ANALYSIS\*\*\*\*\*

T/I/W Rating: LOW

The grocery store protest events are evidently part of the larger RAN campaign targeting General Mills, as noted in PAIB no. 36, which was announced in January of this year. Targeted General Mills brands and products include Betty Crocker, Pillsbury, Nature Valley Granola Bars and Yogurt Burst Cheerios.

ITRR has repeatedly cautioned that RAN is extremely aggressive in their campaigns. Previous RAN targets have been the scene of illegal actions including trespassing, lock-downs and vandalism. In light of this, security personnel should review policies dealing with the security of relevant facilities and liaise with local law enforcement.

In addition to grocery stores, ITRR expects RAN-inspired protest actions in March to target other outlets carrying General Mills products, as well as General Mills facilities. In Pennsylvania, the latter may include those in Lancaster, McKeesport, Marcus Hook, Montgomeryville and Prospect Park.

### Sectors: COMMERCIAL FACILITIES

#### **9. UK Protest May Have PA Fallout**

The animal rights organization known as SHAC (Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty) has sent out an alert to supporters calling for a pressure campaign targeting BSG House in London over several upcoming conferences that will be attended by representatives of AstraZeneca and Huntingdon Life Sciences (HLS), as well as other HLS customers.

SHAC calls for a polite letter requesting that the above so-called "barbaric companies" be banned from BSG House events due to their alleged ongoing acts of animal cruelty.

The SHAC alert then lists the dates of the conferences at which HLS and AstraZeneca will be in attendance: 15-16, 17-19, 23-24, and 30-31 of March 2010.

\*\*\*\*\*ANALYSIS\*\*\*\*\*

T/I/W Rating: LOW

As noted in PAIB nos. 28 and 39, SHAC has targeted HLS, which uses animal subjects for testing, for corporate destruction since 1999. HLS's three hardened facilities (two in the UK, one in East Millstone, New Jersey) have provided frequent targets for mass demonstrations. However, in an approach developed by SHAC (which has proven relatively successful in the past), companies having any business links whatsoever with HLS are targeted by activists for harassment, threats, vandalism and, sometimes, assault. Tactics have included arson, bombings and other forms of violence.

In PAIB no. 39 (27 January 2010), ITRR analysts identified a clear intention and determination among animal rights activists to focus on AstraZeneca at this time. AstraZeneca has been singled out because the company continues to have their products tested at HLS. For example, in January SHAC announced an "AstraZeneca Global Action Day".

The recent SHAC communications regarding AstraZeneca's presence at a series of London conferences may inspire solidarity actions directly targeting the company's US facilities, in order to back up the letter-writing campaign with more "attention-grabbing" actions. Among the global facilities of AstraZeneca identified by SHAC and in related intelligence sharing forums are several in Philadelphia's tri-state area. The company's US corporate headquarters are located at 1800 Concord Pike in Wilmington, Delaware, with a research facility at 587 Old Baltimore Pike in Newark, Delaware. AstraZeneca also has a sales office at 690 Lee Road in Wayne, Pennsylvania.

## **Sectors: GOVERNMENT FACILITIES**

### ***10. Thailand's Separatist Jihad Heats Up***

While southern Thailand has been the scene of an ongoing Muslim separatist insurgency, including terrorism targeting civilians, there has been a recent increase in attacks.

\* On Tuesday alone, at least eight bombs were planted in Narathiwat. Five exploded at bank branches in various districts of the region, injuring two people, and three additional bombs were defused at other banking facilities.

\* One day earlier, in Narathiwat's Tak Bai district, a civilian was seriously wounded when he stepped on a mine buried at the entrance to a rubber plantation.

\* On Sunday night, two men were shot and wounded by attackers who ambushed them along a road in the Muang district.

While the Monday attack has been blamed on terrorist elements, the motive for Sunday's shooting remains unclear. However, Thai police noted that in just the past two weeks there have been 30 separate bombings in the country's south.

\*\*\*\*\* ANALYSIS \*\*\*\*\*

**T/I/W Rating: MODERATE**

The Islamic insurgency in Thailand appears to be largely contained in specific southern regions of the country. As of now, the increasing frequency of attacks do not indicate a need for increased security procedures; however, general situational awareness is called for in Thailand as the situation develops. Students from Pennsylvania schools (Clarion University, East Stroudsburg, Indiana University, Mansfield University, and Westminster College) taking part in International Student Exchange Programs (ISEP) in Thailand, as well as University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine exchange students at Thailand's Chulalongkorn University, should be made aware of the specific regional risks.

**No actionable intelligence at this time for the following sectors:**

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

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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.
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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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