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ACTIONABLE DATE REMINDERS

- **1-18 February 2010:** Animal rights activists worldwide will be noting "Remembrance for Animal Activists." At this time, there are no programs planned. Instead, organizers are seeking decentralized protests. Remaining significant dates include: 9 February, for Mike Hill; 18 February, for Gari Allen.
- **1-28 February 2010:** Black History Month in the United States. ITRR analysts believe there is a potential for protests or more violent reactions from white supremacist groups during this period. (See PAIB no. 39)
- **12 February 2010:** Anarchists planning to prevent foreclosure of Native American-owned property in Stockton, California. (See PAIB no. 37)
- **12-14 February 2010:** PPEHRC organization is planning to hold what they have called "national training" in Philadelphia. Attendees will learn practical lessons in "nonviolent civil disobedience," including illegal occupations of foreclosed properties, setting up tent cities and other forms of "resistance." On Saturday - following a session called "How to Do Housing Takeovers & Resist Foreclosures" - the trainees are slated to travel as a group to an unidentified location in West Philadelphia. (See PAIB no. 42)

- **15 February-21 March 2010:** Turkish authorities expect that the Kurdish Communities Union (KCK) will be holding large, violent protests in the eastern and southeastern provinces of Turkey. (See PAIB no. 41)
- **16 February 2010:** The fifth anniversary of the Kyoto Protocols; potential flashpoint for environmental activists.
- **17 February 2010:** The first anniversary of the troop increase in Afghanistan ordered by President Obama, coinciding with a NATO/OECD summit in Paris. Potential flashpoint for anti-military activists.
- **17 February 2010:** *Progressive Democrats of America* will be holding a Brown Bag Lunch Vigil over "the escalation of the Afghanistan war, the continued presence in Iraq, and the military expansions" at the offices of Rep. Joe Sestak in **Media, Pennsylvania**. There will be a similar vigil at the **Bethlehem and/or East Greenville** offices of Rep. Charlie Dent. Vigils will be held on every third Wednesday of the month to protest the US wars in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Pakistan at Congressman Dent's office.

SECTOR-SPECIFIC THREATS, INDICATORS AND/OR WARNINGS

Sector: NUCLEAR REACTORS, MATERIALS, AND WASTE

1. Nuclear Site Infiltration was Training for April

3 April 2010 is slated to be an International Day of Action to ban nuclear weapons. Activists have been called upon to engage in mass direct actions "at every European NATO nuclear weapons base in Germany, The Netherlands, France, Italy, Turkey, United Kingdom, and Belgium."

In what they billed as "training" ahead of the 3 April event, the Belgian Peace Action group on 31 January 2010 infiltrated a Belgian military base at which American nuclear weapons are stored. Six members of the group climbed over or went under a perimeter fence and spent an hour walking around the base and leaving their protest stickers on bunkers before they were stopped by soldiers.

They also documented their infiltration and posted it on YouTube.

The Belgian activists said that more such "training" missions are to take place in February and March. Meanwhile, sympathetic protesters in the United Kingdom are planning to blockade a British nuclear weapons facility on 15 February 2010.

*******ANALYSIS*******

T/I/W Rating: MODERATE

ITRR analysts recommend increased security measures around and within facilities deemed to have any connection with nuclear weapons development, storage or transportation. This should include awareness of pre-operational surveillance and probing by adversarial elements in the anti-nuclear-weapons movements. ITRR analysts note that the extent of these activities leading up to and through the 3 April 2010 event is in part a function of the success and publicity given the above-mentioned Belgian breach of base security.

Although not nuclear weapons bases/storage depots, 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** (140 Lakeside Ln.) and in **Pittsburgh** (700 North Bell Avenue).

Furthermore, ITRR notes that jihadist and other violent terrorist movements are surely paying attention to the level of security (or lack thereof) evident at the world's military bases, as evidenced during such protest actions.

Sector: GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

2. International Support for Austrian ALF Vandals

International animal rights activists have called for a day of action on 2 March 2010, the opening of the trial of ten Austrian animal rights activists. Protests and other actions are to target Austrian assets worldwide. The organizers call upon supporters to "organize as many actions as possible in front of Austrian embassies, consulates or other diplomatic missions."

The defendants in the above case are accused of causing 600,000 euros in damage attacking stores selling furs and leather goods. The state says the group is in effect a cell of the eco-terrorist *Animal Liberation Front* (ALF). Ironically, the defendants are also accused of cruelty to animals due to a March 2008 attempt to "liberate" 400 pigs at a farm.

Austrian animal rights groups are planning additional demonstrations in Vienna on 27 February 2010.

*******ANALYSIS*******

T/I/W Rating: MODERATE

ITRR analysts note that targets of such protests and "actions" in Pennsylvania will likely focus on the Austrian Consulate in **Philadelphia** (123 S. Broad Street) and possibly the Austrian Consulate in **Pittsburgh** (although the latter is in the offices of Andritz Ruthner, Inc., a machinery manufacturing company located at 125 Technology Drive, **Canonsburgh**).

As of this writing, there is no indication that PA activists have obtained a police permit for such protests.

Sector: GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

3. Animal Rights Activists to Protest Canadian Seal Hunting

The activist *Global Justice for Animals and the Environment* organization is calling for global protests against Canada's seal hunt. The timing of the planned actions, 10 February 2010, is intended to capitalize on the attention focused on Canada just ahead of the XXI Winter Olympics in Vancouver (12-28 February).

Although the immediate target is Canada, the protest call also cites Norway and the World Trade Organization for trying to block an EU ban on seal-based products.

*******ANALYSIS*******

T/I/W Rating: MODERATE

The primary gathering slated for Wednesday, 10 February 2010, is to take place in front of the Canadian Consulate in Manhattan, New York. However, the call issued by the organizing group is for protests at all Canadian diplomatic assets worldwide.

ITRR analysts note that targets of such protests in Pennsylvania will likely focus on the Canadian Consulate in **Philadelphia** (1650 Market Street). As of this writing, however, there is no indication that PA activists have obtained a police permit for such a protest. Protests in previous years also targeted the Red Lobster restaurant chain (which purchases Canadian fish).

Sector: GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

4. Specific Targeting: Kenya

ITRR researchers have identified jihadist communications recommending the use of vehicle-borne improvised explosive devices (VBIED) in Nairobi and other tourist locations within Kenya, with the goal of relieving pressure on Somali jihadists (primarily the *Al-Qaeda-affiliated Shabab Al-Mujahideen*).

The communication states that press reports within the UK indicate thousands of Somali soldiers have completed training within Kenya and are prepared to start an offensive against jihadist forces operating within Somalia. These forces will enter "Somalia to participate in wide operations accompanied by crusaders from Ethiopia, African forces, Sheik Sharif forces and Muslims groups that (support the government)," the communication said, adding that American aircraft may also take part in the offensive.

Recognizing that the economy of Kenya depends on tourism, the communication recommends the use of multiple VBIED to disrupt the Kenyan economy.

*******ANALYSIS*******

T/I/W Rating: SEVERE

For some time now, the Kenyans have been tracking threats of attacks on the capital, Nairobi, which hosts many United Nations personnel and assets, as well as international humanitarian institutions (see PAIB no. 43). In November 2009, jihadist communications explicitly called for terrorist attacks on Kenya, referred to as the "secular and Christian regime" on the side of the United States in the war against Muslims (see PAIB no.13). More recently, the US State Department issued an advisory that *Shabab Al-Mujahideen* terrorists were planning to abduct Westerners from the Dadaab refugee camp in Kenya (PAIB no. 37).

ITRR analysts believe the potential for a "preemptive" attack against Western-identified or Western-allied targets within Kenya and Somalia is increased at this time. Terror attacks within Somalia and the region have included the use of explosives and artillery fire on civilian targets.

Pennsylvania has had several links with Kenya in recent years, bringing Commonwealth-based delegations to the African country - from **Pennsylvania State University student volunteers** to representatives of the **Pennsylvania Credit Union Association**. Pennsylvania organizations continuing contacts with Kenya should be made aware of the increased risk of attack or abduction in the Horn of Africa and surrounding regions.

Sector: COMMERCIAL FACILITIES

5. *Tactic: Insinuating Jihadist Agents into a Target Region*

In illuminating communications intercepted by ITRR researchers, jihadists discussed a method to infiltrate Gaza for the sake of joining the jihad there.

The communication, addressed to "all the jihadists," said: "Whoever wants to go in Gaza Strip, here is your chance. You can participate in one of the many delegations that come from everywhere to Gaza."

The jihadists discussing this point make it clear that the infiltration they suggest can be relatively easily accomplished. However, a reply to this communication provided field intelligence, saying that "a group from Yemen tried to get into Gaza without being careful, and got arrested."

*******ANALYSIS*******

T/I/W Rating: SEVERE

ITRR analysts note that, in fact, wanted terrorists have been successfully smuggled out of Gaza using the cover of international delegations. Furthermore, at least two terrorists who have struck in Israel have come through Gaza by way of international solidarity organizations.

While the communications dealt specifically with infiltrating Gaza, ITRR analysts believe that the tactic is sure to be adapted for use in other theaters. A similar approach was mentioned in communications targeting Jordan specifically (see "Exploding Soccer Balls in 'Message to Jordanian Intelligence,'" PAIB no. 42), which implied that jihadists would gain access to their target by joining with a group of soccer fans. Such a method could also include the use of other types of tourist groups, religious pilgrims or other organized trips.

While terrorists traveling in the company of innocent (or collaborating) groups is not new, the jihadist discussion of its pitfalls will contribute to the tactic's effectiveness. Most especially, ITRR analysts point out, it can be applied using Western-born would-be jihad fighters who are "clean" in terms of criminal records or intelligence flags. Security personnel responsible for high-profile assets or public venues in Pennsylvania are therefore advised to heighten their awareness, and the awareness of relevant others, of behavioral and situational clues indicating hostile intent.

Sectors: COMMERCIAL FACILITIES AND GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

6. *New Attacks in India's Struggle With Jihad*

Last week, ITRR focused on the ongoing Communist and separatist terror threat in India; however, jihadist elements have also continued their attempts to strike Indian assets, especially in the Jammu and Kashmir regions following several months of stepped up infiltration efforts. Recent events in the jihadist campaign against India - and India's response - include:

* Mumbai police stepped up security measures, including checkpoints and near-universal body searches, at three railway stations last week. The alert was due to intelligence inputs regarding terrorist intentions to strike the public transportation hubs, much as *Lashkar-e-Taiba* (LeT) terrorists did in November 2008.

* One civilian and one police officer were killed when terrorists opened fire on a group of security personnel in Kashmir on 5 February 2010. The shooters escaped the scene.

* Also on 5 February 2010, the head of the jihadist *Lashkar-e-Taiba* organization, Haafiz Saeed - accused by India of masterminding the 2008 Mumbai terror attacks - called for jihad if India refused to "liberate Kashmir." At the same time, he also declared "liberation" of the central Indian city of Hyderabad as part of his agenda.

* In Jammu, part of a join administrative district with Kashmir, police last week increased security around one of the most revered places of Hindu worship in the region, the cave shrine of Vaishnodevi. It receives about eight million pilgrims each year. Officials said that new intelligence indicates a threat of jihadist attack on the site.

* On 1 February 2010 police announced the capture of an Indian Mujahideen (IM) terrorist involved in a series of bombings in Delhi in September 2008.

* On 2 February 2010 Indian security forces in Kashmir clashed with armed jihadists, killing one of them. The clash came as Indian troops carried out counterterror operations in the area.

* Also on 2 February, two Lashker-e-Taiba collaborators were arrested in the Reasi district of Jammu and Kashmir.

* As noted in January 2010, India fears imminent hijacking or terrorist attack by LeT jihadists. Security levels have been raised and unprecedented measures employed, including anti-aircraft weapon deployment, increased use of CCTV surveillance, patrols, frisking and access control measures. Indian intelligence has also warned of hang-glider suicide bombing attacks by LeT.

***** ANALYSIS *****

T/I/W Rating: SEVERE

All public gatherings in the Jammu and Kashmir regions should be strictly avoided at this time. Researchers and faculty at **New Delhi's University of Pennsylvania Institute for the Advanced Study of India (UPIASI)**, as well as business travelers and tourists from Pennsylvania, should be made aware of the heightened threat level in major Indian cities.

Security personnel in India should remain vigilant and maintain a heightened awareness of pre-operational surveillance and probing by all possible adversarial elements. In addition, Indian targets outside the subcontinent may be singled out by elements sympathetic to the Indian jihad. There is a low, extremely limited risk of jihadist lone-wolf targeting of Indian assets in

Pennsylvania; would-be sites are the Hindu and Sikh temples or activities of the Indian Cultural Association of Pennsylvania (ICAP).

No actionable intelligence at this time for the following sectors:

AGRICULTURE AND FOOD
DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL BASES
ENERGY
HEALTHCARE AND PUBLIC HEALTH
NATIONAL MONUMENTS AND ICONS
BANKING AND FINANCE
WATER
CHEMICAL
CRITICAL MANUFACTURING
DAMS
EMERGENCY SERVICES
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
COMMUNICATIONS
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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.
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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