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## STRATEGIC ANALYSIS

### 1. Escalating Jihadist Focus on Kenya

In an escalating series of communications (see PAIB nos. 13, 37, 43 and 44), Kenya has become a new center of attention for jihadists in Africa and beyond. ITRR analysts foresee greater Islamist and jihadist activity on both sides of the Somalia-Kenya border in coming weeks, which has been heating up for some time.

The most recent relevant communication is a statement by the Somali Al-Qaeda-affiliated *Shabab Al-Mujahideen* (Shabab) insurgent group threatening the start of jihad against Kenya. A spokesman for the organization, Hussein Jidi, said Kenyan forces were massed at the Somali border and were planning to attack "from the land, air and sea."

Jidi also implied that the US is involved in attacks on the Shabab, with American aircraft allegedly seen in the sky of Kisimayo, an area controlled by the Shabab.

The Shabab statement said, "The enemy is on his way to attack us, and we shouldn't wait for them. Instead we need to stop them."

The latest statement regarding Kenya follows on the heels of a more specific jihadist communication this week (see PAIB no. 44) recommending the use of vehicle-borne improvised explosive devices in Nairobi and tourist locations within Kenya. The jihadist discussion explains that such attacks will serve to relieve pressure on Somali jihadists (primarily the Shabab).

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.

Pennsylvanian organizations with continuing contacts with Kenya (such as through Penn State's College of Health and Human Development telemedicine project, humanitarian engineering and social entrepreneurship projects such as the one this past summer in Nyeri involving students from multiple Penn State colleges and others; or through the several years of trips and collaboration between the Pennsylvania Credit Union Association and the Kenyan government) should be made aware of the increased risk of attack or abduction in the Horn of Africa and surrounding regions.

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

**Sectors: BANKING AND FINANCE, COMMERCIAL FACILITIES, AND GOVERNMENT FACILITIES**

### **2. Update: 'Foreclosure Resistance' - Philadelphia Details**

In an update to the bulletin items (see PAIB nos. 42 and 44) regarding the Poor People's Economic Human Rights Campaign (PPEHRC), "Zero Evictions and Foreclosures!" training seminar in Philadelphia, ITRR has received updated details regarding the PPEHRC itinerary and plans.

The seminar, billed as "national training," is to run from 12-14 February 2010. It will begin at Atonement Church (1542 E. Montgomery Ave.). On Saturday, the attendees are slated to "visit [a] takeover house" in morning, take part in a "workshop" entitled "How to Do Housing Takeovers & Resist Foreclosures," followed by a group night trip to West Philadelphia. It is unknown at this time if the purpose of this trip is for active "resistance" or otherwise; however, the PPEHRC itinerary merely says the night will end with a "party and fundraiser" at 4940 Cedar Ave.

As previously noted, PPEHRC literature boasted that attendees will learn practical lessons in "nonviolent civil disobedience," including illegal occupations of foreclosed properties, setting up tent cities and other forms of "resistance."

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

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

ITRR analysts reiterate that the specific targeting of West Philadelphia during the PPEHRC training seminar should be taken into account as a strong indication of potential immediate or future takeover-style actions in the area. Identifying high-profile foreclosures in the relevant neighborhoods may give further indication of activist planning. More generally, ITRR analysts recommend that local authorities state-wide become aware of street-level communications (e.g., posters, free newspapers, etc.) encouraging similar "occupations."

ITRR analysis further indicates (PAIB no. 37) that American anarchist groups are learning from more aggressive housing rights groups across the Atlantic. As stated in an "Open Letter to US Activists," "... there is much to be learned from activists elsewhere who have been grappling with these issues for years." Pennsylvania communities with strong anarchist organizations, including **Pittsburgh and Philadelphia**, may see similar activity as a "poster child" foreclosure property is identified and local activists decide to take direct action.

### **Sector: GOVERNMENT FACILITIES**

#### **3. March May Heat Up Due to 'Global Warming'**

From 15-18 March 2010, environmental activists are expected to gather in Salt Lake City, Utah, for a "mass convergence" at the hearing of University of Utah student Tim DeChristopher. Last year, DeChristopher disrupted an oil and gas land auction by bidding on tenders for which he had no funds in an effort to protest the US energy policy, which he and others blame for changes in the Earth's climate. He was arrested and faces a maximum penalty of ten years in prison, according to environmental groups.

In the context of calls to "be outside making direct and clear statements that The People are taking the fate the climate into our own hands," climate activists have said "there will be ample opportunity for both legal protest and civil disobedience." Examples of protest activity include a mock trial, "time-honored tactics of civil disobedience ... in an effort to prevent 'business as usual', 'concerts and a 'mini-summit' on future 'climate action' activities. Also mentioned in environmental activist communications is "non-violence training, and information about legal representation."

Organizers of the Salt Lake protest have indicated that there are plans for "solidarity actions in other parts of the country," as well.

In response to announcements of the March event, activist feedback has been generally positive and supportive. One person went so far as to say, "Hopefully in SLC I'll finally succeed in getting arrested at an important act of civil disobedience." However, a more militant individual wrote, "Peaceful uprising? LOL. They're not going to listen and this will matter for little. The time is long gone to tippy-toe peacefully around this corrupt behemoth we call our government. It's time for the masses to bring society to a halt, whenever they get up off the couch."

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

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

The DeChristopher trial is being billed as a "signal moment" in an "epic fight." In this light, and considering many recent and coming environmental protest activities in the Mid-Atlantic states, ITRR analysts believe that Pennsylvania-based climate activists may take up the call issued regarding the Salt Lake City trial for local actions and protests. The target date is currently mid-March, but organizing and training related to protest "civil disobedience" or "direct action" may precede that time. ITRR analysts are monitoring for concrete information regarding upcoming

"solidarity actions" in Pennsylvania; however, as of this writing there is no indication that activists have planned such gatherings.

## **Sectors: COMMERCIAL FACILITIES AND GOVERNMENT FACILITIES**

### **4. Rally for Casino-Free Philadelphia**

Anti-casino activists from the Philadelphia area are scheduled to gather on 16 February 2010 at 9:00 am at the Arch Street United Methodist Church (corner of Broad St. and Arch St.) and march to the Criminal Justice Center at 1301 Filbert Street to protest the arrest and trial of fourteen people who blocked a construction site on the Delaware River last fall. The group was protesting the planned building of a casino in the area.

Casino-Free Philadelphia activists added that, in addition to the court steps protest, "We also plan to continue our protests - at casino sites, politicians' offices and more - for as long as it takes."

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

**T/I/W Rating: LOW**

Despite the apparently illegal actions of those anti-casino activists currently slated to face trial in Philadelphia, ITRR analysts believe the immediate threat of disruptive protests at the courthouse is low. ITRR is unaware if Casino-Free Philadelphia will need or has obtained a police permit for their planned protest.

More generally, ITRR analysts are monitoring for further information regarding future protests against casino construction that may include elements of disruptive "direct action" such as road or site blockings, etc.

## **Sectors: COMMERCIAL FACILITIES AND GOVERNMENT FACILITIES**

### **5. Yet a New Indian Risk Factor**

In PAIB no. 41, ITRR focused on the ongoing Communist and separatist terror activity in India; in PAIB no. 44, the risk posed by jihadist elements in the country was focused on in depth. A new, specific danger in India came to light this week - this time involving right-wing militant Hindu nationalists.

Spokesmen of the far-right Shiv Sena party, which has been accused of using organized violence to intimidate those it opposes, threatened to prevent the release of a new movie that stars a well-known actor who opposed an Indian Premier League boycott of Australian and Pakistani cricket players. Aside from implied threats to move theaters showing the new film, the head of Shiv Sena warned that Pakistani and Australian players are "unwelcome" in Mumbai.

A senior Shiv Sena member was quoted as saying that the "statement about the inclusion of Pakistani players in IPL was outrageous. If [the actor Shah Rukh Khan] doesn't tender an

apology, we will teach him a lesson. The government is saying they will provide protection to cinemas, but that won't change the public's sentiments. We will not allow any film which portrays him as an idol to come out in public."

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

T/I/W Rating: MODERATE

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 risk of violent clashes over the aforementioned movie in major Indian cities. Focal points of such violence will likely be movie theaters, as well possible targeting of Australian consulates.

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