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### **ONGOING RESEARCH**

#### ***Muslims of the Americas Declare: America is a Muslim Country***

Video recordings of activities from within the isolationist Muslims of the Americas (MOA) organization, the North American branch of Jama'at Al-Fuqra led by Pakistan-based jihadist Ali Al-Gilani, show ongoing military-style training at an MOA compound. In addition, in a video most recently released by amateur journalists one of the MOA leaders declared that a careful study by MOA members found that the majority of the United States population is Muslim.

While law enforcement is aware of much of the MOA activity, at over 30 facilities nationwide, ITRR analysts are researching the ideological and practical implications of the declaration that the US is a Muslim-majority nation. Thus far, ITRR research indicates that the declaration may be a signal to expand and extend Muslim control in as many facets of general American society as possible. In principle, MOA ideology believes in using all means to achieve such Islamic ends, including, but not limited to, violence.

The MOA has been constructing a facility in Sherman, Pennsylvania and may possibly have representatives in Philadelphia.

#### ***Ongoing CONUS Holiday Season Threat***

Following the detailed intelligence and concrete guidance shared in jihadist communications regarding effective attacks in the United States - as first revealed in PAIB no. 19 (11 December 2009) - ITRR analysts continue to monitor the ongoing jihadist discussion for further details and specific threats. (See "Sector Specific Threats" below for the latest developments.)

#### ***Anti-Israel Protests Expected on Gaza War Anniversary***

The first anniversary of Israel's Operation Cast Lead counterterror incursions into Gaza will be from 27 December 2009 through 18 January 2010. To mark the occasion, international pro-Palestinian groups are set to hold "Gaza Freedom Marches" in North America, Europe and Israel through the end of December (first discussed in PAIB no. 23, 21 December 2009).

#### ***Going to 'Action Camp'***

ITRR analysts are continuing to monitor events surrounding the upcoming "direct action" training camp for environmentalists, as noted in PAIB no. 20 (14 December 2009). The camp, scheduled for 4-25 January 2010, will focus on disrupting the coal industry. Skills and lessons learned in "actions" targeting coal operations will likely be applied in Pennsylvania, as well.

### ***Swiss Assets Still Targets***

ITRR analysts reiterate the warning issued repeatedly since 30 November 2009, most recently in PAIB no. 18 (9 December 2009), regarding the jihadist threat to Swiss assets worldwide. Potential targets of adversarial pre-operational probing or surveillance in the Pennsylvania region include: the Swiss consulate for the Philadelphia area, located in bordering Hockessin, Delaware; Credit Suisse offices in West Conshohocken and Plymouth Meeting; UBS offices in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Bethel Park, Conshohocken, Erie, Newtown and Plains. Iconic institutions such as the Nestle Corporation are at increased risk world-wide, as well.

### ***French Assets Targeted***

As noted in PAIB no. 22 (18 December 2009), recent jihadist communications intercepted by ITRR researchers focuses on the decision by France's ruling party to promote a general ban on the Muslim face veil, the *hijab*. Communications call for attacks on French assets. High-visibility French assets in Pennsylvania include the offices of France's Consulate General in Center City Philadelphia and the Alliance Française de Pittsburgh, which meets in the University of Pittsburgh's Cathedral of Learning. Students, business travelers and other personnel from Pennsylvania are advised to avoid known flashpoints in the suburbs of French cities.

### ***Continuing Threat to Infrastructure from Caucasus Jihad***

As noted in the PAIB no. 16 (4 December 2009), a Caucasus-based jihad group explicitly declared its strategy to defeat Russia by striking at the Russian economy, its tactic of deploying sleeper cells and using explosives, and its targeting of infrastructure targets, mass transit and Russian civilians. The group, Islamic Emirate of the Caucasus (IEC), also warned that its campaign of terror had just begun. ITRR researchers are monitoring jihadist chatter regarding related threats posed to American assets in Russia and neighboring republics.

## **SECTOR-SPECIFIC THREATS**

Sectors: GOVERNMENT FACILITIES; COMMERCIAL FACILITIES; TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS

### ***Like CONUS, London in Jihadist Crosshairs***

In a recent warning to London businesses, the United Kingdom's Scotland Yard warned of an increased threat of "Mumbai-style" attacks in the British metropolis. In the Mumbai Massacre of November 2008, 174 people were murdered by ten armed Lashkar-e-Taiba terrorists who spread out through the metropolis and attacked hotels, cafes, mass transportation and a Jewish center.

In their alert, Scotland Yard referred to jihadist communications identical to those intercepted and identified by ITRR (in PAIB no. 19, 11 December 2009) offering specific tactical intelligence and guidance for attacks. While the original communications, as cited by ITRR, focused on attacks in CONUS, UK officials are correct in treating the threat as targeting other major Western cities.

The following terrorist guidance was offered in communications cited in PAIB no. 19:

- "Break into police stations in that heretic country [the USA] and shoot everyone there."
- "Snipers can be placed in the highest rooms [of the overtaken police station] and shoot all the infidels." As inspiration for his idea, the jihadist cited the recent multiple homicide of police officers in the state of Washington.
- Although the USA is thought by non-Americans to be an environment in which automatic weapons can be had easily, this is not true. [At the time of the communication, the jihadist was only able to obtain a hand gun.]
- In order to limit children and Muslims as casualties, the targeting of adult holiday parties and night clubs is preferred [reference is made to the recent tragic Russian nightclub fire].
- If the appropriate weapons or explosives can be located, sporting events and post-sporting event activities in bars provide good targeting opportunities with little security.
- There are an abundance of Jewish centers that provide soft target opportunities. "An attack on one of these centers that will kill 10 or 20 will have a huge impact," the jihadist explains.

### **\*\*\*\*\*ANALYSIS\*\*\*\*\***

ITRR analysts again reiterate that the current holiday season in CONUS and Western Europe provides a vast number of targeting opportunities, from sporting events to synagogue and church holiday events to New Year's Eve parties. In the wake of the Scotland Yard advisory, Pennsylvanian students, faculty, researchers, business travelers and tourists in Britain should be advised of the current increased threat of terrorist activity in London, as well as in other major UK cities.

Notable major sports events in Pennsylvania include NFL games in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia on Sunday, 27 December 2009. In addition, a major public gathering that draws thousands of people to Philadelphia's Delaware River Waterfront and to the battleship *New Jersey* on the Camden Waterfront is Philadelphia's New Year's Eve fireworks display and celebration on 31 December 2009-1 January 2010.

Sectors: COMMERCIAL FACILITIES; AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

## ***Animal Rights Groups Gather 'Actionable Intelligence'***

On 22 December 2009, ITRR researchers identified an intelligence product produced by animal rights activists specifically targeting fur producers and suppliers of product to fur farms. This information, titled *The Blue Print: Fur Farm Intelligence Project*, was provided to aggressive animal rights activists with the intent to target farms and suppliers in the fur trade.

Stating that "outside of A.L.F. raids, the 'open' or 'closed' status of each farm has never been verified," the "Fur Farm Intelligence Project (FFIP)" was intended to "document and verify 75% of the fur farms in the U.S."

To gather the information, the research team used a "unidirectional microphone (to pick up sounds of mink from a distance); military grade digital binoculars; old fur farm address lists; a list of new, unconfirmed addresses; digital camera; and video camera."

### **\*\*\*\*\* ANALYSIS \*\*\*\*\***

According to the intelligence team that wrote the document, the goal of the information gathering that led to the release of this document was to provide "the first operational-status update of known fur farms in 13 years." Stating that "of all forms of animal rights outreach, the dissemination of names and addresses" is "at once among the most overlooked, and most potent," the intent of the intelligence project was to provide animal rights activists with "actionable" information.

The fact gathering took place primarily in the western U.S. However, using older data, farms throughout the eastern U.S. were listed although not necessarily "verified".

In Pennsylvania, the following farms or vendors to fur farms were listed as possibly still being in business:

Scintilla Development Company / Avecon Diagnostics  
501 Grouse Drive  
Bath, PA 18014

Oakwood Mink Farm  
108 Oakwood Road  
Boyers, PA 16020

Bogus Fur Farm  
360 Theatre Road  
Carrolltown, PA 15722

Mindek Brothers Fur Farm  
4940 Shannon Road, 4937 Shannon Road  
Erie, PA 16510

James Preston Fur Farm  
383 S. Good Hope Road  
Greenville, PA 16125

Burns Mink Ranch  
119 Bend Road  
New Wilmington, PA 16142

Kuzar  
109 Mink Farm Lane  
Nicktown, PA 15762

Richard H. Stahl & Sons Fur Farm  
275 Fegley Road  
Sunbury, PA 17801

Goose Hill Fur Farm  
Goose Hill Road  
Wyalusing, PA 18853

Lawrence Dana Fox Ranch  
9129 Station Road  
Erie, PA 16510

Above-named farms, as well as other potential adjuncts to the fur industry in Pennsylvania, are advised that animal rights extremists using the intelligence collected in *The Blue Print* may seek to carry out follow-up surveillance activities. This surveillance may be to further information gathering alone or for pre-operational purposes, including advance intelligence for arson or animal releases.

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

DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL BASES  
ENERGY  
HEALTHCARE AND PUBLIC HEALTH  
NATIONAL MONUMENTS AND ICONS  
BANKING AND FINANCE  
WATER  
CHEMICAL  
CRITICAL MANUFACTURING  
DAMS  
EMERGENCY SERVICES  
NUCLEAR REACTORS, MATERIALS, AND WASTE  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
COMMUNICATIONS  
POSTAL AND SHIPPING

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