PENNSYLVANIA INTELLIGENCE BULLETIN NO. 109

9 JULY 2010

****

The Institute of Terrorism Research and Response (ITRR) produces this document specifically for the Pennsylvania Office of Homeland Security in support of National Priority #3: Implement the National Infrastructure Protection Plan (NIPP) and all public and private sector, critical infrastructure protection-related initiatives and strategies. In accordance with the Homeland Security Act of 2002 and Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007, the NIPP groups all critical infrastructure, key resources and significant special events in 18 sectors. This intelligence product is oriented specifically on those sectors.

Institute of Terrorism Research AND Response

The ITRR, a commercial information research and analysis organization, uses open-source, human and closed-source intelligence resources to derive patterns, trends, assessments and time-sensitive products. ITRR used only native-tongue researchers (English, Hebrew, French, Arabic and Spanish) in the collection, interpretation, translation, analysis and production of this product. The analysis is performed by former law enforcement officials, counter-terrorism experts and military intelligence personnel. Consider information contained herein in context with other known information.

STRATEGIC ANALYSIS

1. *UPDATE: Mehserle Trial Verdict - Involuntary Manslaughter*

Johannes Mehserle is a former Bay Area Rapid Transit police officer accused of deliberately shooting a defenseless African-American youth, Oscar Grant, in Oakland, California, on New Year's Day 2009.

Mehserle's trial was held in Los Angeles. On Thursday, the jury found the ex-BART officer guilty of involuntary manslaughter.

Events in Oakland on Thursday night confirmed previous ITRR alerts (noted in PAIB Nos. 104 and 108) indicating a high potential for street violence in the event that Mehserle was not found guilty or was found guilty of a reduced charge. In addition, ITRR analysts predicted that protests in the wake of the Mehserle verdict were likely to draw anarchist and left-wing radical elements, as has also been confirmed.

According to police sources, a crowd that reached around 800 people gathered in the streets of Oakland, primarily at 18th St. and Broadway, in reaction to the verdict. Among the protesters were approximately 50 anarchists. Around 8:00 PM, the gathering turned violent when black-clothed anarchists clashed with police attempting to disperse the crowds.

As of this writing (pre-dawn PST), the following acts of violence have been noted:

- A small incendiary device detonated near a downtown police station.
- Rocks and bottles thrown at police.
- The windshield of a California Highway Patrol cruiser was smashed.
- Fires started in the street, primarily in garbage bins.
- Area businesses were broken into, looted and vandalized, including a Foot Locker sporting goods store, a branch of Far East National Bank and a Rite-Aid pharmacy.

By late last night, police had made dozens of arrests from among the rioters and anarchists. The officers maintained a presence in the area of unrest throughout the night.

As previously noted, recent Black Nationalist communications have been encouraging continuing violence in reaction to the Mehserle trial. Some examples:

- "[E]nough is enough, NO JUSTICE NO PEACE…. [Use] the Art of War; work in squads. BURN IT DOWN!!!"
- "Grant is executed on live TV, but he was not the only one. This [violence] is not violence, this is retribution."

In the wake of the jury's verdict, further radical communications were noted by ITRR researchers:

- "All out to 14th & Broadway, Oakland!" (Communicated ahead of the rioting.)
- "We must not just demand justice, we must take it. Tear Oakland asunder. Show'em that they can't control us and that we revolt when they killed innocent members of our community. Defend your neighborhoods from uniformed gang members and take this fight to the streets."
- "OFF THE PIG!"

Self-identified anarchists also called for taking to the streets (communicated ahead of the rioting):

- "We are anarchists who live in the Bay. We are OUTRAGED by the murder of Oscar Grant, and we are pissed at continuing police violence and disregard of communities' health and safety. Some folks have been calling us "outside agitators." We wonder: outside of what? We are all faced by police violence."
- "THE PIGS STARTED THIS. Straight up, we don't like that the police murder people. Last year when people expressed themselves in the streets, we

> heard condemnation of property destruction but no rebuke of police aggression against people's bodies. Let's not forget that the only reason Mehserle is on trial is because the people of Oakland rose up."

In addition to Oakland, ITRR analysts identified Los Angeles and San Francisco as the primary cities at risk of civil unrest in the wake of the Mehserle verdict.

In Los Angeles, a few dozen protestors gathered at a mostly peaceful rally at Leimert Park. However, it is notable that members of the radical socialist and anarchist ANSWER Coalition were identified among the protesters.

As noted in PAIB no. 36 and thereafter, anarchists worldwide repeatedly expressed admiration for the very destructive riots that took place in Oakland immediately following the Grant shooting. A similar supportive reaction can be expected this time as well, possibly driving rioting and unrest in other cities outside California or even outside the United States (depending on the outcome of this still-developing event).

ITRR Analysts' Note: Thursday's violence may be a precursor of additional rioting and vandalism both in Oakland and elsewhere. A general call to action has been issued through anarchist communication channels under the heading: "We are all Oscar Grant! A West Coast call out for Solidarity actions." Thus far, two such rallies in "solidarity" with the rioting in Oakland have already been called for in Richmond, VA, and Bloomington, IN.

ITRR reiterates that adversarial reactions - including anything from minor vandalism to violent rioting - are a particular risk in those urban centers with significant radical activism or anarchist groups; this includes the greater Pittsburgh and Philadelphia areas.

SECTOR-SPECIFIC THREATS, INDICATORS AND/OR WARNINGS

SECTOR: ENERGY

2. *A 'Green' Protest Against a 'Green' Solution*

EARTH FIRST! protesters targeted a wind farm in Franklin County, Maine, on 6 July 2010. About 35 people tried to block an access road to the site of the TransCanada wind farm project on Kibby Mountain, as well as targeting a truck on a major public road leading to the site. Four activists - including one woman who locked herself by the neck to the truck with a bike lock - were arrested. Violations included failure to disperse and trespassing.

The local Land Use Regulation Commission was to deliberate the following day on a proposal to build 15 wind turbines on a ridge north of Sisk Mountain.

******** ANALYSIS ****** T/I/W Rating: LOW-to-MODERATE**

The above civil disobedience and direct action protest came on the heels of the 2010 Earth First! Round River Rendezvous, held 29 June-6 July 2010 in Maine. As noted in PAIB No. 104, participants in the Rendezvous were invited to take part in "direct-action and skills trainings," as well as lessons in "war tax resistance" and "self-defense." In addition, as previously noted, the skills and knowledge shared at events like the Rendezvous will most likely be seen and felt at subsequent environmental protest events or in direct action vandalism by eco-terrorist adversaries.

ITRR analysts note that the targeting of a project that is generally seen as a "green" alternative energy facility confirms that radical activists such as Earth First! are willing to oppose any initiative not perfectly aligned with their views. Due to the socialist and anarchist bent of most "green radicals," this appears to be especially true of projects operated by private companies; however, environmental activists have also targeted governmental nature protection agencies as well.

As reported in PAIB No. 90, supporters of Earth First! are forming a new network in the upstate New York-Pennsylvania region. Therefore, ITRR analysts have identified the wind farms in Pennsylvania that may be targets for eco-activists inspired by events in Maine to carry out their own "direct actions:"

- Allegheny Ridge Wind Farm (Blair and Cambria Counties)
- Armenia Mountain Wind Farm (Tioga and Bradford Counties)
- Bear Creek Wind Power Project (Luzerne County)
- Casselman Wind Power Project (Somerset County)
- Chestnut Flats Wind Farm (Blair and Cambria County - planned to open this year).
- South Chestnut Wind Project (Fayette County - planned to open this year)
- Forward Wind Project (Somerset County)
- Green Mountain Wind Energy Center (Somerset County)
- Highland Wind Project (Cambria County)
- Locust Ridge I and Locust Ridge II (Columbia and Schuylkill Counties)
- Lookout Wind Project (Somerset County)
- Meyersdale Wind Power Project (Somerset County)
- Mill Run Wind Energy Center (Fayette County)
- North Allegheny Wind Farm (Blair and Cambria County)
- Stonycreek Wind Farm (Somerset County)
- Somerset Wind Farm (Somerset County)
- Waymart Wind Farm (Wayne County)

Also of note is that expanding circles of environmentalists and "green anarchists," explicitly including Earth First! (as noted in PAIB No. 68), are willing to embrace escalating eco-terrorism of one form or another.

SECTORS: ENERGY AND TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS

3. ***Green Tactics: 'Piracy'***

Environmental activists from the Greenpeace organization illegally boarded a ship transporting coal from South Africa to Israel on Thursday. It was a "direct action" of piracy just off Israel's coast in protest against a new coal-fired power plant in Ashkelon.

The Greenpeace team used inflatable rubber boats to approach the vessel undetected and a rope ladder to climb aboard. Three activists then tied themselves to the ship's mast, flew banners reading "Coal Kills" and demanded that the ship be halted before delivering its cargo.

Police succeed in controlling the environmental activists and bringing them off the ship.

******** ANALYSIS ****** T/I/W Rating: LOW-to-MODERATE**

As with other protest actions that make international headlines, the above event in Israel is an inspiration for other eco-terrorists or environmental militants.

Other notable Greenpeace actions that made the headlines this year included the successful disruption in France of a train delivering radioactive waste to Russia (PAIB 60) and the arrest of fifty Greenpeace activists after they trespassed and broke into Swedish nuclear power plant (PAIB no. 100).

ITRR Analysts' Note: The aforementioned tactic of hijacking a coal delivery boat or barge - although possible on in open seas - is not deemed a threat in the navigable, inland waterways of Pennsylvania. Any disruption/interdiction of freedom of navigation is however. According to official government figures, there are five power plants along Pennsylvania's inland waterways that receive approximately 11.5 million tons of coal; while about 15.5 million tons of Pennsylvania coal is exported by barge to 21 power plants in the Ohio River Basin.

An example of the latter is Penn Keystone Coal of Claysburg, Pennsylvania. This company distributes coal from northeastern Pennsylvania, which it trucks to western Pennsylvania and loads onto barges for delivery along the Monongahela River ("the Mon"), Allegheny and Ohio Rivers.

SECTORS: COMMERCIAL FACILITIES AND GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

4. ***Egyptian Muslim Brotherhood: 'Go Out Against the Zionists'***

The new leader of the **MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD IN EGYPT** has issued a call for Muslims to take action against "the Zionists."

Using the imagery of "reviving jihad" and "defending Al-*Aqsa* mosque" in Jerusalem, Mohammad Badie called for his followers to "assist the resistance" as much as they can. He said that Islamic duty is to wage jihad against Israel, and to not accept "surrender and humiliation."

Badie also added his "greetings to whoever is contributing to breaking down the siege on Gaza and to ending the Zionist occupation of the land of Palestine."

The communication appears in Arabic on the official website of the Muslim Brotherhood.

******** ANALYSIS ****** T/I/W Rating: LOW-to-MODERATE**

ITRR analysts note that Badie is the new Muslim Brotherhood leader since January 2010. His heated anti-Israel rhetoric may be a small part of an attempt to establish his credentials among the militants.

Israel

ITRR recommends that Pennsylvania students, researchers and faculty at the many overseas programs in Israel (such as those of Temple University, Drexel University, University of Pennsylvania, and various Jewish and Christian religious seminaries), as well as business travelers in the country, maintain their heightened situational awareness.

Security risks come from violent protests and lone-wolf attacks, as well as organized terrorism. ITRR further recommends adhering carefully to any instructions provided by Israeli security forces.

Egypt

As reported in PAIB No. 31, ITRR researchers intercepted jihadist communications that shared targeting information for a residential building in Egypt in which, jihadists claimed, Jewish people live. At the time, ITRR analysts had correctly identified the probable target as the Sha'ar HaShamayim synagogue in Cairo. On 21 February 2010, an unidentified man hurled a suitcase containing a makeshift bomb from a hotel at the aforementioned synagogue.

Sha'ar HaShamayim, as well as other historical synagogues and the Israeli embassy in Cairo, may again draw the hostile attentions of local supporters of the Muslim Brotherhood.

Pennsylvania students attending the American University in Cairo, Egypt (BEG), business travelers and tourists to Jewish religious sites should be advised of the current increased danger of terrorist activity. Additionally, government offices, major hotels and Sinai resorts have also been preferred jihadist targets.

Pennsylvania

Members of Islamic groups in Pennsylvania that see themselves as generally aligned with the international Muslim Brotherhood movement may take some action

in response to the Egyptian Muslim Brotherhood leader's call. Vigorous protests - possibly including some "direct action"-type illegality - may focus on the Israeli consulate in Philadelphia. Other potential targets for protests, vandalism or lone-wolf terrorism in the region include any high-profile Jewish institution, synagogue or Jewish communal event. In addition, pro-Israeli gatherings or counter-demonstrations may be seen as population targets for attacks by extremist activists or actual terrorist cells.

Personnel with assets in proximity to Israeli or Jewish assets should be prepared to respond to collateral damage as a result of acts of violence aimed at the Israeli assets.

Of note in this regard is the Muslim American Society (123 East Luzerne Street, Philadelphia), which appears to be linked with the international Muslim Brotherhood movement. ITRR researchers are attempting to definitively identify other Muslim Brotherhood-affiliated institutions in Pennsylvania.

ITRR researchers are continuing to monitor jihadist and Muslim Brotherhood communications for indications of calls to arms or protest events in Pennsylvania.

No intelligence at this time regarding the following sectors:

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

Compiled by NR

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.

END-CLASSIFIED-TAM-C-

For additional information, please contact the TAM-C of the Institute of Terrorism Research and Response at: +1.215.922.1080 or info@itrrintel.org

Working with organizations that refuse to surrender their domestic or international operations to terrorism

Ensure that you always receive the latest information from The Institute of Terrorism Research and Response. Add the e-mail address, "info@itrrintel.org" to your personal address book.

This Intelligence report includes information from open and closed intelligence sources. Not all information is able to be verified; however, the TAM-C is actively evaluating the reporting to establish its accuracy and to determine if it represents a possible link to terrorism. If recipients have any additional or clarifying information, please contact the Targeted Actionable Monitoring Center (TAM-C) at +1.215.922.1080.

Actionable Intelligence Weekly Briefing® A general overview of actionable intelligence (upcoming events) used by directors of security and law enforcement managers to pre-plan their future operations. The Briefing is dispatched on Monday of each week by 1100 GMT to enable early planning of the upcoming weeks.

Threat and Hazard Monitoring (THM) A custom service meeting the needs for each client. With the assistance of our international analysts, this service identifies specific threats, hazards, vulnerabilities, and assets our team of native language speakers researchers and ground resources, are to monitor and forward on to the client.

For additional information regarding the Center's services or specialized customized research and analysis programs, feel free to contact us at: info@itrrintel.org