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ACTIONABLE DATE REMINDERS

- **1 February 2010:** Start of 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 #39)
- **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. Significant dates include: 1 February, for Jill Phipps; 6 February, for Vicki Moore; 9 February, for Mike Hill; 18 February, for Gari Allen.
- **12 February 2010:** Anarchists planning to prevent foreclosure of Native American-owned property in Stockton, California. (See PAIB #37)
- **12-28 February 2010:** International anarchists will be joining Canadian First Nations tribes as they protest the Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympics.

SECTOR-SPECIFIC THREATS, INDICATORS AND/OR WARNINGS

Sectors: GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

1. *Specific Targeting in Gulf States*

A jihadist communication intercepted by ITRR researchers specifically named Kuwait, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain as countries where "US forces are deployed."

Referring to the information as "intelligence for the jihadists," and evidently seeking to gather more of the same, the 31 January 2010 communication said that the Americans "have come to you again. The news reported that the US Navy is spread out and here in your homes. So roll up your sleeves. ...[Locate] them and wait for them everywhere." (Regarding recent maritime Al-Qaeda threats, see "Tactical Discussions of Maritime Jihad Continue", in PAIB #39.)

The communication was a "happy declaration for Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula and the island sons of Muhammad in general. Al-Qaeda jihadists, go out and fight so your religion will win. Go out and punish the Americans."

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

T/I/W Rating: SEVERE

The terrorist communication specifically targets American military personnel. However, ITRR analysts note that in jihadist communications, civilian personnel are also considered part of the "Crusader" presence in the Arabian Peninsula and throughout the Muslim world.

The countries specifically mentioned - Kuwait, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain - have not recently been mentioned in jihadist targeting. In addition to a US military presence, these countries have a large Western civilian population, which may provide softer terror targets than the military. Business travelers, military personnel, and oil industry employees and executives from Pennsylvania should be made aware of the increased risk in the named Gulf states, as well as of the ongoing high risk levels in Yemen.

In addition, in PAIB #27 ITRR warned that Al-Qaeda of the Arabian Peninsula and affiliated groups will likely target oil pipelines and energy shipping lanes within the Arabian Peninsula or in the Gulf of Aden. Such attacks, if successful, would likely disrupt energy supplies to Pennsylvania and elsewhere. ITRR analysts also foresee an effort to strike Western ships in a Yemeni harbor.

Sectors: COMMERCIAL FACILITIES & GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

2. *Hamas Threatens 'Retaliation'*

The Gaza-based *Hamas* organization accused Israel of assassinating one of its top commanders, who lives in Syria, when he visited a Dubai hotel on 20 January 2010. Israel called the claim a product of "imagination." Hamas promised that "retaliation" for the killing will be executed "anywhere" and "at the appropriate time."

Israeli security services have identified a heightened risk level for Jews and Israelis in France. In addition, ITRR analysts have previously identified a high risk of attacks targeting Jews or Israelis in Turkey. The possible perpetrators in any such attacks are likely to be Hamas or Hezbollah terrorists.

It bears noting that TAM-C researchers previously (PAIB #37) identified internal jihadist communications indicating that a large-scale suicide attack aimed at Israel is planned for sometime in coming weeks. In this case, the identity of the adversarial faction (Hamas, Al-Qaeda, Islamic Jihad, etc.) was left undefined.

***** ANALYSIS *****

T/I/W Rating: SEVERE

Pennsylvania students and business interests in Israel, France and Turkey are advised of the increased risk of jihadist attack on Israeli or Jewish targets in the short term. Such an attack will likely take the form of a suicide operation utilizing an explosive device.

Recent jihadist targeting of Israel and regional Jewish-identified assets has included explicit threats stemming from Gaza (PAIB #14), Lebanon (PAIB #17) and Egypt (PAIB #25 & 31). In December 2009, ITRR analysts identified an increased threat of kidnap-type terror operations in areas of Israel and Egypt in close proximity to Gaza and the Palestinian Authority areas. In Jordan, terrorists attempted to assassinate Israel's ambassador to the Hashemite Kingdom (PAIB #34).

The worldwide risk facing Jewish and Israeli interests comes from organized jihadist cells, as noted above, but also from lone-wolf attackers and far-left extremist groups (as cited in PAIB #23 & 29, among others). In Pennsylvania, any adversarial actions will likely focus on the Israeli consulate in Philadelphia. Other potential targets in the Pennsylvania region include high-profile Jewish institutions, synagogues or communal events.

Sector: GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

3. Naxalite Insurgency, Indian Counter-Insurgency Continuing

A series of recent terror incidents in India indicate that the entrenched Naxalite (regional Maoist Communists) and regional insurgencies are pressing ahead, despite counter-terror successes. Many of the latest set of attacks coincided with the eve of India's Republic Day, 26 January 2010, and which honors the nation's constitution.

* On 25 January 2010 Maoist terrorists ambushed security personnel in West Bengal's Bankura district, injuring five policemen and abducting seven.

* On the same night, another cell attacked two security forces' base camps in the same district, leading to a heavy exchange of fire between police and the Maoists.

* Also on 25 January, approximately 30 Maoist attackers set fire to several vehicles - trucks and excavation equipment - and ransacked offices of a private company engaged in road construction in Brahmanipal, Orissa state.

* On 27 January 2010 over 100 armed Maoists stormed a mining complex of the state-run NMDC company in Chhattisgarh. The attackers set fire to 19 trucks. The attack targeted India's largest iron ore mining facility, which is located in the Maoist stronghold of Dantewada.

* In Assam, on 28 January 2010, a bomb was detonated along a rail line, damaging a cargo train and part of the track. Rail service was disrupted, but no injuries were reported. Both the United Liberation Front of Asom (ULFA) and the Adivasi National Liberation of Assam (ANLA), regional separatist groups, are active and potential suspects in the bombing.

In counterterrorism efforts, India decided last month to enhance coordination and intelligence sharing between national and state security services, as well as to establish a fusion team focused on rail security. In recent weeks, Indian security forces undertaking ongoing counter-insurgency activities have uncovered caches of weapons and explosives in regions known for Naxalite activity.

In addition to its Maoist and separatist insurgencies, Indian alert levels are still high in light of intelligence indicating jihadist attacks targeting the city of Mumbai, as well as Indian air travel. Published reports said that two terrorists had entered Mumbai and were possibly pretending to be taxi drivers to carry out pre-operational reconnaissance undisturbed.

In light of both jihadist and separatist terrorism, the US State Department has issued a travel warning for India.

***** ANALYSIS*****

Threat Level: SEVERE

Recent attacks reinforce the nature of the ongoing threat within India from Communist terrorists and local insurgents. As noted by ITRR analysts in October 2009, a sharp uptick in Communist (AKA Marxist or Naxalite) militia attacks had begun, with no end in sight.

ITRR analysts have named the Indian states most vulnerable to Communist or separatist attacks, including: Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Orissa, Bihar, Andhra Pradesh and Jharkhand. The Naxalite terrorists' *modus operandi* for attacks is to deploy large numbers of fighters - and sometimes, civilian protesters - to overwhelm immediate resistance and hinder rescue efforts.

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 the aforementioned regions. Of particular note is that some stretches of railway track in those areas are seen to be under control of Naxalite terror organizations, with the cells building strength specifically in areas surrounding railway tracks and stations. Travel in such areas should be avoided.

Sector: GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

4. Tamil Tigers Growling Again?

On 20 January 2010, the Indian embassy in Italy received a parcel suspected of being a bomb. The package sender was listed as "LTTE," the abbreviation for the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, more commonly called the Tamil Tigers.

The Tigers, a separatist, terror organization, were effectively crushed by the Sri Lankan military in a lengthy and intense operation that concluded in May 2009. According to ITRR analysis published in May, among the regional states Tigers hardliners are likely to use to regroup is India.

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

Threat Level: LOW

India is seen by many Tamils as having collaborated with Sri Lanka in crushing their aspirations for independence, leading to the potential for Tamil terrorists to begin targeting Indian assets worldwide, as indicated by the incident in Italy. In addition, sporadic attacks are still possible in Sri Lanka or against Sri Lankan assets elsewhere by remaining Tamil Tigers loyalists.

In the past, Tamil Tigers supporters have vandalized Indian religious temples, Indian diplomatic missions and other related assets in Europe. In Pennsylvania, Indian-identified religious temples (Buddhist and Hindu) are potential targets of Tamil protest activity or violence. However, at this point, such attacks are likely to be few and far between due to the Tamil Tigers exile, lack of resources and limited remaining supporters.

No immediate specific security guidance is indicated as a result of recent events, but ITRR analysts are monitoring the potential for Tamil radicals to target Indian and Sri Lankan assets globally.

Sectors: ENERGY & GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

5. MEND Ceasefire Ending - Again

The *Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta* (MEND) declared on Friday that its recent unilateral ceasefire (implemented on 25 October 2009) has come to an end. Initially, in August of last year, MEND announced that its previously declared ceasefire would end in September. That ceasefire was apparently renewed.

MEND warned that all oil facilities operating in the region will be torched and their personnel attacked in an "all-out onslaught."

If carried out, MEND attacks would target Africa's largest oil and gas industry.

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

Threat Level: SEVERE

ITRR reiterates its past advisories against trips to Nigeria at the present time, with immediate risk posed to oil company employees with the end of the MEND ceasefire noted above. Personnel already in Nigeria are cautioned to heighten situational awareness and to avoid public gatherings. Travel to the south or northeastern stretches of the country should be avoided altogether.

In addition to the immediate risk posed to energy industry employees in the region, the expected disruption of oil supplies from Nigeria is likely to quickly affect North America, including Pennsylvania.

Sectors: COMMERCIAL FACILITIES & GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

6. Kurds in Turkey: February Events

Turkish authorities expect that the *Kurdish Communities Union* (KCK) will be holding large demonstrations and protests in the eastern and southeastern provinces of Turkey from 15 February 2010, the anniversary of the capture of the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) jailed leader Abdullah Öcalan, and until March 21, Nevruz, a Kurdish spring festival. The Turks claim that Kurdish leaders are planning increasingly violent events over the course of the planned campaign.

In recent days, Turkish authorities have arrested dozens of Kurdish and jihadist terror suspects.

Turkish authorities have confirmed that the PKK is set to coordinate large-scale terrorist acts in urban areas of Turkey.

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

Threat Level: MODERATE

As first discussed in PAIB #23, the *Freedom Hawks of Kurdistan* (FHK) issued a clear threat against Turkish cities in the wake of what they see as predictable and failed negotiations

between Kurdish leaders and the Turkish government. "Turkish cities can be turned into balls of fire at any possible moment," the communiqué said, and praised recent attacks on Turkish forces. It called for "revenge" for the death of a Kurdish gunman, as well. "We call on everyone to take action," the Hawks said.

In light of the recent indicators of terrorist intentions, ITRR recommends that faculty and students attending the American Research Institute in Turkey (ARIT) facilities in Ankara and Istanbul, as well as at other regional institutions, increase situational awareness. Travel to southeastern Turkey is not recommended at this time, as previous attacks and counterattacks launched by the Turkish military and Kurdish terror cells have thus far been centered in this region, as well as over the border in Iraq.

Public protests or counter-protests over the issue of Kurdish rights should be avoided, ITRR analysts advise. It currently appears that both Turkish and Kurdish leaders are driving towards a confrontation centered on the February-March events.

Sector: NUCLEAR REACTORS, MATERIALS, AND WASTE

7. Nuclear Waste Train Disruption: More to Come

Seven Greenpeace activists made two separate attempts to prevent a train from transporting nuclear waste from the Areva Pierrelatte plant to Russia by chaining themselves to a railcar just outside Cherbourg and then at the city's port.

Greenpeace said of the subsequent arrests, "This is the first action of this type in 2010 and we wanted to strike a blow. We demand a moratorium on the export of nuclear waste." The last such action targeting the Areva plant took place on 6-7 December 2009, and involved blocking another train carrying nuclear waste.

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

Threat Level: MODERATE

The Greenpeace action appears to be part of increasingly vigorous protests developing in recent weeks and set to continue for the coming months, as was first noted by ITRR analysts in PAIB #33. Incitement in this direction has come in the form of recent eco-terrorist and anarchist calls for affinity groups around the world to press ahead with "direct actions" targeting appropriate commercial and government assets.

Personnel responsible for nuclear facilities such as those of Beaver Valley, Limerick, Peach Bottom and Three Mile Island should maintain appropriate protective measures, relative to known activist behavior in their specific region. 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 addition, as detailed at length in PAIB #32, there have been communications in extremist circles explicitly calling for murder, violence and sabotage to protect the environment. As noted last week, politicians, leading figures of heavy industry, and law enforcement officers appear to be targets of coming eco-terrorist violence. Noting that potential threat, ITRR analysts reiterate

the recommendation that personal situational awareness and appropriate safety measures be implemented both on and off duty.

No actionable intelligence at this time for the following sectors:

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

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.

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