PENNSYLVANIA INTELLIGENCE BULLETIN NO. 123

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The Pennsylvania Office of Homeland Security produces this informational/intelligence bulletin specifically for all potentially-affected stakeholders – whether public or private sector, federal or Commonwealth of Pennsylvania-based Critical Infrastructures, Key Resources and Significant Special Events. Consider the information & intelligence contained herein in context with other known information, indicators, threats and warnings.

CONTINUING RESEARCH

1. *Update: Would-Be Protesters Disappointed; EPA Postpones*

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has announced that a public meeting on hydraulic fracturing originally scheduled for Binghamton, New York, will be postponed to an as-yet undecided date, possibly in September. The decision was prompted by the indications of an unexpectedly large turnout - more than 5,000 people - and the inadequacy of available halls to safely host them all at this time. The original meeting was singled out by anti-natural gas drilling and pro-drilling activists as a key event in determining the fate of natural gas drilling. Therefore, activists on both sides are expected to redouble efforts for the updated event.

Analyst's Note: The EPA-targeted rhetoric/guidance - by both environmentalists and landowners' advocacy groups - may likely lead to local activist actions at the offices of the EPA in Philadelphia. In addition, the EPA has "field offices/operations and laboratories in Pittsburgh," according to EPA publications. (PIB Nos. 118 and 121)

2. *CrimethInc. Targeting Law Enforcement*

CRIMETHINC., a supposedly leaderless anarchist movement, has decided to hold what it is calling a "decentralized convergence" throughout August 2010.[1] The group is encouraging anarchists in North America to take any action they feel will be effective in order to make the anarchist presence felt in their respective local areas. Activists have provided supporters theoretical analysis and practical guidance to, as they put it, "fuck the police." CrimethInc. activists and the North

[1] http://www.crimethinc.com/

EAST ANARCHIST NETWORK (**NEAN**) will likely be stepping up activities (legal and illegal) in the northeastern US throughout August 2010.[2] Heightened situational awareness is advised throughout the next two months at those sites that have previously been targeted by anarchist activity (such as governmental institutions/monuments and icons, law enforcement personnel, banks, and energy and corporate facilities). Researchers will continue to monitor the numerous anarchist networks for additional targeting indicators. (PIB Nos. 103 and 121)

3. ***Militia Members Await the 'Tipping Point'***

Recent communications from extremist, militia fora indicate a growing restlessness and self-reinforcing feeling of impending confrontation with the federal government. These have been increasing in frequency and severity in the past several months, with new communications opening the floor for a discussion of what the actual "tipping point" might be that justifies armed Americans attacking their government. Several of the more militant militia groups have supporters in Pennsylvania. (PIB Nos. 63, 65, 68, 73, 88, 102 and 121)

4. ***Risk of Adversarial Targeting at Coal-Gen 2010***

Coal-Gen 20-Ten, the coal "industry's most dynamic event," is to be held at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center in Pittsburgh on 9-12 August 2010.[3] No specific adversarial communications have yet been identified. However, maverick protest events or direct action by militants may be expected at or near the Coal-Gen 20-Ten event. Branches of financial institutions such as JP Morgan Chase, Citi Bank, Goldman Sachs and Bank of America are potential targets of anti-coal mining activist protests, campaigning or more radical "direct actions." Other companies in Pennsylvania previously identified as targets of ecological activists included the offices of Duke Energy (Philadelphia and Robesonia). (PIB No. 119)

5. ***Anti-Abortion 'Direct Action' with Dead Animals***

Anti-abortion militants in Chicago have apparently placed dead animals in packages left at abortion centers. This tactic has precipitated police alerts of potential *improvised, explosive devices* (IED) at the targeted locations. While no specific, unusual, anti-abortion events in Pennsylvania have been identified in the near term, analysts have noted ongoing agitation in pro-life communications. As high-profile pro-life actions in one region can provide activist inspiration elsewhere, the above-mentioned intimidation tactics may be seen at other abortion clinics.

Potential Impact on Pennsylvania CIKR

Non-confrontational, pro-life, educational booths are scheduled to be manned 9-14 August 2010 at the Butler Farm Show (Butler County) and at the Greene County Fair (Greene County). (PIB No. 117)

[2] http://www.neanarchist.net/
[3] http://www.coal-gen.com/index.html

6. ***Targeting Notes: Climate Action Camp***

On 18-25 August 2010, a Climate Action Camp is planned for Glasgow, Scotland. Organizers cited tar sands oil extraction and other mining operations in North America as motivational events, as well as singling out the Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS) and Barclays Bank as key targets. The Agenda confirms and reinforces the globalization of "green activism." Potentially vulnerable assets of RBS include:

- the subsidiary Citizens Bank of Pennsylvania branches in the state
- Barclays Bank subsidiary Barclays Wealth (part of Barclays Capital Inc.) at the Mellon Bank Building in Philadelphia (PIB No. 117)

7. ***Update: Anti-Arizona Protests Take a Dangerous Turn***

Protests against Arizona continue by those opposed to the new Arizona immigration legislation SB 1070, even after a federal court issued an injunction against implementation of the most controversial clauses of the law. The latest events have included highway blockades, vigorous protests that led to many arrests and disruption of an Arizona Diamondbacks' baseball game. Anarchists have called for "direct actions in our local communities" in response to the new law.

Opponents of the law in Pennsylvania may target visiting Arizona VIP, delegations or Arizona-related events with protests or "direct action" in the coming weeks and months, including Diamondbacks' baseball games in Pittsburgh in September 2010. Counter-protests by supporters of the Arizona legislation may precipitate violent confrontations between opposing protesters requiring law enforcement intervention. (PIB Nos. 98, 102, 106 and 119)

8. ***Update: Euro-American Heritage Fest in Lackawanna County***

Radical *White Nationalists* are promoting an event called the Euro-American Heritage Fest 2010 (AKA European American Heritage Celebration).[4] It is slated to take place on 14 August 2010 in Moosic (Lackawanna County). The Euro-American Heritage Fest 2010 has been publicized on racist forums.

Potential violence due to excessive alcohol consumption (despite a ban on alcohol at the event), clashes with anti-racist protesters or police would not necessarily be limited to the Fest fairgrounds and may be triggered in any of the surrounding areas. (PIB No. 111)

9. ***Germany: 'Chaos Days' in 2010?***

Recent communications among German anarchists and anti-authoritarians would seem to indicate a growing desire and planning for a new set of *Chaostage* ("Chaos Days") over the next three years. Analysts will continue to monitor anarchist communications for indications of Chaos Days and "warm-up" Chaos Days in Europe that potentially pose a risk to Pennsylvania students/faculty abroad, as well as for any planning related to possible American affinity-group Chaos Days. (PIB No. 114)

[4] http://www.whitenationalist.info/forums/index.php

10. ***Anarchy Summer Camp in August***

The *Anarchy Summer Camp*, called in order to "prepare for the upcoming International Monetary Fund demonstrations this fall," is scheduled for 6-9 August 2010. Analysts reiterate that there has been an escalation in rhetoric and tactics among anarchist and far-left groups for more than a year, including arson, bombings, vandalism and "direct action." Further acts of anarchist terrorism and vandalism - inspired by the Toronto G20 "actions," the Trois-Rivières, Quebec, bombing and the above Summer Camp - can be expected throughout North America in the near term. Military recruitment centers, law enforcement, banks and multinational companies in Pennsylvania - specifically in areas of significant anarchist activity - are advised to increase situational awareness at the present time. (PIB Nos. 94, 107 and 108)

SECTOR-SPECIFIC THREATS, INDICATORS AND/OR WARNINGS

AGRICULTURE AND FOOD
COMMERCIAL FACILITIES
GOVERNMENT FACILITIES
WATER

11. ***Medicine as 'Silent Weapons'***

New intercepted, jihadist communications have focused on the use of medicines as poisons to silently and surreptitiously kill large numbers of victims.

Focusing on Christians in Egypt ("The time has come for the jihadists in Egypt to start to use silent weapons to kill Christians."), one of the communications provides the following specific guidance for a mass-poisoning attack:

> "You get a dozen wedding cakes before the beginning of a wedding and you leave them for the family that organized the wedding. They are distributed among the guests. The result? No less than 20 deaths ...."

Further targeting guidance provided by the jihadist writer says: "You should find a church in another area, so that nobody will recognize you and security will not follow your trail."

The communication also suggests a specific poisonous plant for the deed: "[U]se a castor oil plant with the scientific name of *ricinus communis*."

A separate communication provides a longer list of drugs that jihadists believe can be used to kill their victims:

- Pindone
- Phenindione
- Sintrom
- Previscan
- Apegmone
- Acenocoumarol
- Fluindione
- Tioclomalol [*unclear to which drug this refers*]
- Warfarin (Coumadine)

The drugs named are actually used as blood thinners and to prevent blood clotting.

The communication calls such medicines "a very powerful weapon" and details why this is so:

1. "It is easy to use; you can poison the enemy by adding to water or food after cooking."

2. "Strong bleeding is caused a few hours after taking the drug."

3. "While the enemy cannot understand exactly what the drug is, it will be hard to save his life, especially if he has a brain hemorrhage."

4. "The medicine is easy to obtain ..."

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

Tactic

Analysts note that pooling of information such as above has, in the recent past, resulted in the creation of intelligence of sufficiently high quality to conduct terror operations.

More specifically, poisoned food has been used against African Union forces in Somalia and has also been attempted in other theaters as well. In communications from January 2010, jihadists encouraged infiltration of Western military forces and "companies that provide food to the enemy military," in order to "poison the food with lethal toxins or to put explosives in the shipments."

As noted in PAIB No. 52, media reports in February 2010 indicated that five Arabic-speaking, foreign-language specialists undergoing training by the US military were being investigated for evidence of plans to poison American soldiers at Ft. Jackson, South Carolina. The details of the alleged plan included injecting poison into the food delivered to soldiers at the base.

A jihadist journal distributed by ***Al-Qa'ida*** includes an explicit threat against Prince Mohammed Bin-Nayef of Saudi Arabia from May 2010 (PAIB No. 90), taunting: "Will your honor die because of food in the next few days? Only Allah knows."

These events and targeting communications should encourage a greater awareness of supply chain security, as well as indicating the vulnerability of civilian food and water supplies to sabotage. Due to the sharing of information and motivational cross-pollination among terrorists, security personnel should review and tighten protocols for the protection of water and food supplies in Pennsylvania, as well.

Potential Impacts on Pennsylvania CIKR

Based on previous targeting efforts by domestic and foreign jihadists, Pennsylvania military facilities may be singled out for food and water supply contamination. These facilities include:

- Carlisle Barracks (Cumberland County)
- Letterkenny Army Depot (Franklin County)
- Tobyhanna Army Depot (Monroe County)
- Fort Indiantown Gap National Guard Training Center (Lebanon County)
- Naval Support Activity (Cumberland County)

Egypt

Analysts are treating the above-mentioned communication, coupled with previous recent jihadist communications, as a continuing indicator of jihadist intent to conduct terror operations in Egypt.

Recent targeting guidance focused on religious minorities and the government of Egypt (PIB No. 120). This includes a 2010 attack against a Jewish facility.

Pennsylvania students/faculty attending the American University in Cairo, Egypt, business travelers and tourists to Christian religious sites and events 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 in Egypt.

COMMERCIAL FACILITIES
EMERGENCY SERVICES
GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

12. ***Black Nationalists Protest Events in Philadelphia***

The *International People's Democratic Uhuru Movement* (InPDUM), a pan-African nationalist-socialist group, has called for three rallies this month in support of imprisoned Black convicts and against what it is calling "war on the Black community."[5]

- Monday, 16 August 2010, at the Uhuru Solidarity Center (3733 Lancaster Ave.) in West Philadelphia
    - Monday, 23 August 2010, at Black & Noble, on Broad & Erie (in North Philadelphia)
    - Tuesday, 24 August 2010, at the Philadelphia Criminal Justice Center, 13th and Filbert Sts (Philadelphia)

The latter event coincides with the start of the trial of Diop Olugbala, also known as Wali Rahman, and a leader of the InPDUM. He is facing felony charges of aggravated assault on a police officer. According to InPDUM, "The struggle to free Diop is part of the struggle to defend the rights of Africans to resist."

The most recent communication from InPDUM includes a call "for the white community to defend the democratic rights of the African community in Philly!"

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

There are no indications of planned violence or civil disobedience on behalf of Diop or the other inmates; however there are several local and national factors and influences that raise the risk level for such violence at this time.

The movements to free convicted, ethnic minority murderers has been essentially "adopted" by extremist left-wing anarchists worldwide as one of their anti-state causes. Those jailed for attacks on law enforcement or related charges, including involvement in terrorism, are referred to by the far-left and the Black radicals alike as "political prisoners." Supporters of the pan-African agenda may come to reject peaceful means, which they will see as having failed them thus far.

Police responsibilities at the above-mentioned events will likely include handling crowd/traffic and access control issues. Nonetheless, the gatherings have the potential of drawing a broad, dangerous cross-section of opportunistic activists. It is unknown whether the sponsoring group has coordinated for the necessary police permits.

[5] http://www.inpdum.org/

COMMERCIAL FACILITIES

13. ***Adversarial Protest Strategizing***

In continuation of planning for anti-drilling protest actions, involved activists are engaged in a dispute over how (or if) to target the Cabot Community Picnic at the Montrose High School (Susquehanna County) on 14 August 2010.

As noted in PIB No. 118, the Gas Drilling Awareness Coalition has released a special communication harshly ridiculing and criticizing this event. However, the activists themselves are far from agreed as to a course of action.[6]

One activist said that he or she was "compiling a fact sheet against Cabot ... to make up hundreds of flyers and stick them under windshield wipers during the event and hand them out if people want to see the 'real facts'." In addition, the activist "would like to try to get a group of people together that want to ask Cabot questions that put them on the spot and try to get people to understand the truth."

Another activist is against militant measures: "Driving wedges between us is a disservice to all. The enemy here is the corporations, let the victims have their picnic. They will never see us for what we are if we blind them with resent[ment]."

Yet another activist agreed, saying, "While the 'in your face approach' is an excellent way to approach many gatherings, especially when fund-raising and/or recruitment might seem promising, I agree that the Cabot Picnic is probably not such a gathering."

Nonetheless, the latter individual adds guidance for collecting information at the event: "My suggestion would to go as observers ... mingle with the crowd. Keep our ears open. ... Who knows what information could be gleaned either in preparing the next step in the struggle, future gas company projects we might not have been aware, or you might overhear someone sympathetic to our cause but doesn't know where to turn to. Infiltrate, observe, retreat, report."

On the other hand, a more vigorous approach had its supporters as well: "To not go allows the denial of the collateral damage to continue. I'd say be present, be cordial and make them squeamish about eating at Cabot's table just by your presence."

Similarly: "I want the community to see me there. I am a witness to the destruction of all I hold dear and I will witness their carnival - I live here. It is not a fun event for me - I would assume my warrior sisters and brothers, members of the resistance would also be there ... showing we are NOT a bunch of lunatics would be helpful… Stay home if you are going to act like an idiot."

[6] http://gasdrillingawarenesscoalition.wordpress.com/

There have been ongoing prolific communications on both sides of the issue, with all agreeing, "Let's not let this opportunity slip away."

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

Analysts' Note: Police responsibilities at the above-mentioned event will primarily include handling crowd/traffic and access control issues. Nonetheless, local officials and law enforcement should maintain situational awareness regarding the potential for some confrontations between anti-drilling environmentalist militants and gas drilling company employees.

It is unknown whether the anti-drilling groups have coordinated for any necessary police permits for this event.

COMMERCIAL FACILITIES

14. ***Take Note: Key Muslim and Jewish Holidays***

Researchers take note of important upcoming Jewish and Muslim holidays, which may present additional risk factors in the coming months. This year, the Jewish High Holidays fall on the following dates:

- *Rosh HaShanah* - from the evening of 8 September through 10 September 2010
- *Yom Kippur* - from the evening of 17 September through 18 September 2010
- *Sukkot* - from the evening of 22 September through 24 September 2010
- *Simchat Torah* - from the evening of 29 September through 1 October 2010

There is generally an extremely significant increase in attendance at Pennsylvania synagogues during the High Holiday season.

For Muslims, the month-long *Ramadan* fasting and reflecting period begins this year on 11 August and lasts through 9 September 2010. During *Ramadan*, devout Muslims refrain from eating during daylight hours, generally concluding each day with a meal known as *Iftar*.

In the midst of the Muslim holy month there is the marking of *Lailat Al-Qadr* (Night of Power), which falls on 5 September this year.

Ramadan is followed by a three-day festival known as *Eid Al-Fitr*, beginning on 10 September 2010.

Both Jews and Muslims use a lunar-based religious calendar; thus the above dates are correct only for 2010.

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

Potential Impacts on Pennsylvania CIKR

As noted in several previous PIB, recent chatter among jihadists, anarchists and radical anti-war elements discuss targeting for attacks on Jewish and Israeli assets worldwide, which include:

- the Israeli consulate in Philadelphia
- high-profile Jewish institutions, synagogues, communal events
- pro-Israel gatherings of all kinds

The necessity for heightened security measures and situational awareness at Jewish houses of worship in Pennsylvania will remain for the foreseeable future. This will become increasingly significant as the Jewish High Holiday season approaches.

In addition, the expected increased media focus on the nation's Muslim community during *Ramadan*, coinciding with the controversy surrounding the "Ground Zero Mosque" in New York City, may provide the necessary impetus for lone-wolf acts of violence or vandalism at Pennsylvania mosques.

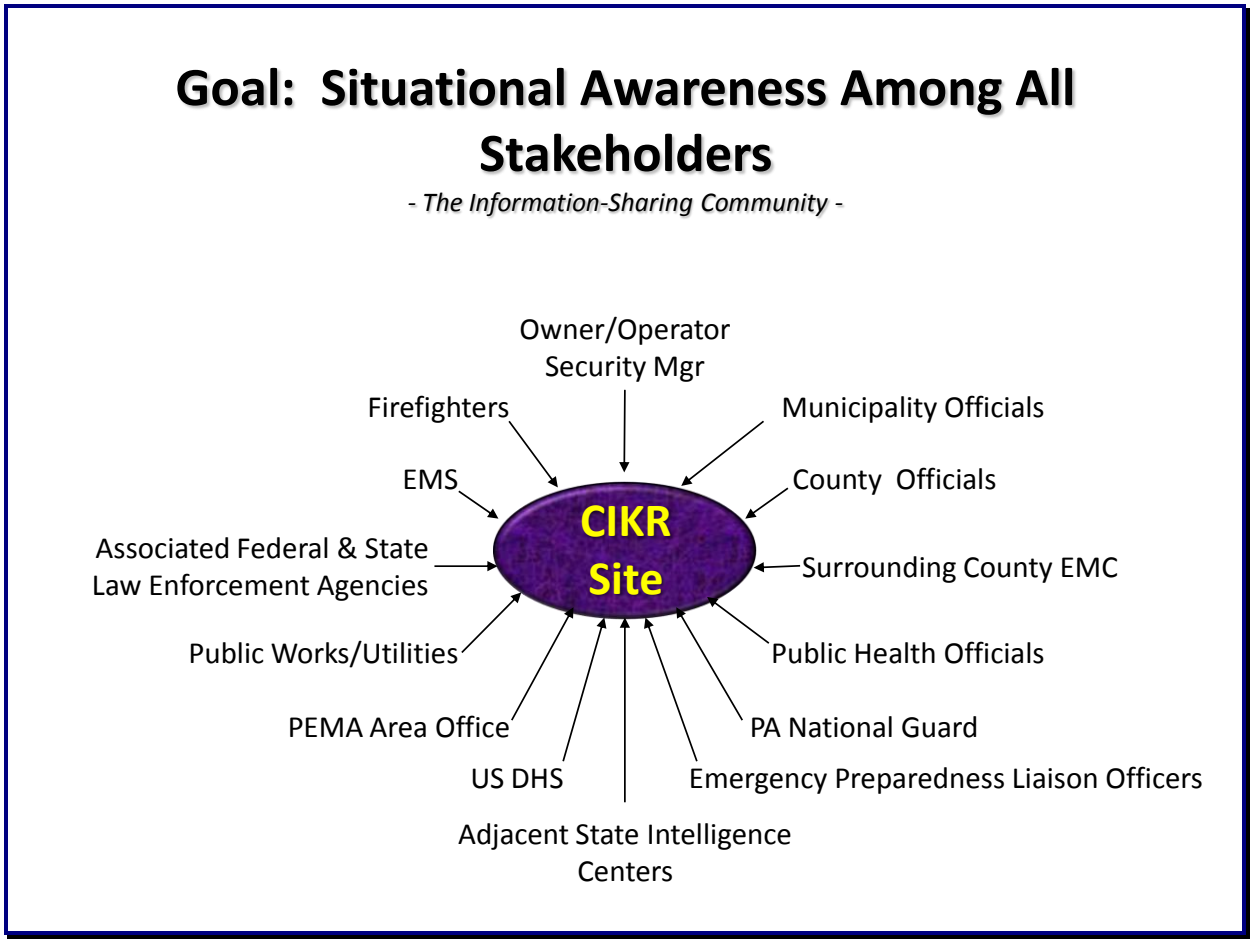
Researchers will continue to monitor relevant communications for indications of lone-wolf calls to arms or protest events at the houses of worship in Pennsylvania.

No emerging Indicators, Threats and/or Warnings at this time for the following sectors:

BANKING AND FINANCE
CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES
COMMERCIAL NUCLEAR REACTORS, MATERIALS & WASTE
CRITICAL MANUFACTURING
DAMS
DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL BASE
EMERGENCY SERVICES
ENERGY
GOVERNMENT FACILITIES[7]
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
POSTAL AND SHIPPING

[7] Educational Facilities Sub-Sector: Security directors, students and faculty of all Pennsylvania-based colleges and universities participating in educational exchange programs abroad need to remain cognizant of emerging, country-specific threats, indicators and warnings.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTHCARE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS
TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS



THREAT / INDICATOR / WARNING RATING	*DESCRIPTION*
LOW (Level 4)	Available intelligence and recent events indicate that hostile elements currently have little intent or capability to take action against the target. Although it cannot be ruled out, an attack is unlikely based on currently available intelligence.
MODERATE (Level 3)	Available intelligence and recent events indicate that hostile elements currently have the intent and capability to take action against the target. An attack is likely to be a priority and might well be executed.
SEVERE (Level 2)	Available intelligence and recent events indicate that hostile elements currently have the intent and capability to take action against the target. Additional information is also available on the nature of the threat. An attack on the target is a priority and is likely.
CRITICAL (Level 1)	Available intelligence and recent events indicate that hostile elements not only have the intent and capability, but also are actively planning to take action against the target within a matter of days (up to two weeks). An attack or action is imminent.

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