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### ACTIONABLE DATE REMINDERS

- **Current-25 January 2010:** Aggressive environmentalists attending what they are calling a Winter Action Camp in Rock Creek, West Virginia to learn the skills of "direct action".
- **27 January 2010:** Environmental groups in San Francisco will be holding a protest rally at Environmental Protection Agency offices as they demand protection for "the people not the polluters."
- **29-31 January 2010:** Environmental activists will be joining the continuous Mainhill Solidarity Camp that is sponsored by Coal Action Scotland. Expect to see an increase in anti-coal mining actions during this period. (See PAIB no. 21 and herein)
- **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.
- **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.

- **3-5 February 2010:** Russia hosting international government and business leaders for 2010 Russia Forum in Moscow.
- **10-15 February 2010:** Anarchist groups will be holding the "2010 Convergence against the Winter Olympics, a gathering of anti-colonial and anti-capitalist forces to confront corporate invasion, displacement, and state repression." ITRR analysts expect aggressive protests and direct actions aimed at the Olympics during this gathering.
- **12 February 2010:** Anarchists planning to prevent foreclosure of Native American-owned property in Stockton, California. (See PAIB no. 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; BANKING AND FINANCE**

**1. Increase in Greek Anarchist Terror**

Recent events in Greece are indicators of renewed vigorous anarchist activity there:

1. On 9 January 2010 a bomb exploded outside the Greek parliament building in Athens. Attackers phoned a warning of the impending explosion to a daily newspaper minutes before the blast. There were no injuries reported.

A communiqué by the Guerrilla Group of Terrorists, released some time later, declared "Democracy Shall Not Win" and claimed responsibility for the attack. "Two comrades approached the courtyard while two others were in the wider area as support group. The two cops that stood at a distance of roughly eight meters from the point that the device was left, and stood there for plenty of time, did not trouble us and we went ahead with placing it," the group boasted. "Each place has its vulnerable point and the satisfaction of finding it will never cease."

2. On 15 January 2010 a bomb was detonated at the offices of the Press and Media Ministry in Athens. Again, the detonation was preceded by calls to local media and there were no injuries, although the building suffered damage.

Several days later, an organization calling itself R.O. 6th December claimed responsibility for the attack. The group also claimed to have been behind the shots fired at a journalist and lawyer in December 2008. The authenticity of the claim could not be verified.

ITRR analysts note that the name of the terrorist cell appears to be a reference to the 6 December 2008 police shooting death of a Greek youth that sparked weeks of violent riots in Greece and inspired rioting abroad as well. The trial of the police officers involved in the incident opened in the Greek town of Amfissa last week.

3. Anarchists and other activists converged on Amfissa for the start of the above trial. About 300 people held a peaceful demonstration outside the courthouse on 20 January 2010 (although the first session was formally postponed until 22 January; the officers pleaded "not guilty"). Riot police were on hand and out in force.

In a communiqué issued ahead of the court date, anarchists sought to reassure Amfissa residents regarding the possibility of rioting in their city. The area of Athens where the police shooting took place, the anarchists explained, was home to "many anarchists, leftists but also un-grouped people with conscience.... It is what we live every day that came to find a spontaneous expression in those days. And how could something like this have happened peacefully?"

The anarchists admitted, "Destruction of properties did take place. And beside the justified ones (who really feels sorry for a burnt bank?) many were random. How can a spontaneous and multi-colour revolt be 'self-controlled'? A uninstructed revolt and for this reason, a genuine one."

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

**T/I/W Rating: SEVERE**

ITRR analysts expect a continuing increase in anarchist protest actions, vandalism and terror attacks in Greece. Athens will naturally be the epicenter of such actions, targeting government and law enforcement assets, although Amfissa may suffer as well as the trial progresses. There is also a likelihood of protests and possible sympathetic violence abroad (see "Northeastern US and Greek Anarchists in Solidarity" in PAIB no. 36).

Students and faculty participating in programs in Greece from institutions such as Pennsylvania State University, Arcadia University, Haverford and Bryn Mawr Colleges, Carnegie Mellon University, and others, should be made aware of the increased risk of anarchist violence in the country. Business travelers are advised to maintain situational awareness regarding local developments, including threats to local banking and state institutions.

### **Sectors: COMMERCIAL FACILITIES; TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS**

#### ***2. New Bin-Laden Recording: Brief and to the Point***

A new recording alleged to come from Al-Qaeda chief Osama Bin-Laden threatens continuing attacks in the United States. Claiming responsibility for the failed Christmas Day attack aboard Northwest Airlines, Bin-Laden says the message - the same "the heroes of 9/11 conveyed to you" - was delivered.

The jihadist links America's safety to the situation for Muslims in Gaza, saying, "With God's will, our attacks on you will continue as long as you continue to support Israel."

In response to the Bin-Laden recording, in fact, ITRR analysts have intercepted jihadist communications seeking information on the upcoming UK-hosted conference on Afghanistan and suggesting its suitability for an Al-Qaeda attack. The event is slated for 28 January 2010 in London.

In a concurrent development, Western states and India have raised their alert levels over concerns of an imminent jihadist attack. Britain raised the nation's terror threat level from "substantial" to "severe", the second highest level of alert, meaning an attack is considered highly likely.

In the US, security awareness levels were increased and expanded when Yemen informed the Americans that female suicide bombers who hold Western passports are on their way to North America. The women are believed to be connected to Al-Qaeda and may be of Western background.

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

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

This increased awareness and activity has - like Turkey's own ongoing internal sweeping arrests (see PAIB no. 36) - placed greater pressure on Al-Qaeda and its franchise groups worldwide. When under such intelligence community pressure and scrutiny, ITRR analysts note, terrorist groups do one or both of two things: speed-up attack plans already in motion; and freeze all other pre-planning stages until the period of intensified scrutiny comes to an end.

Regarding Pennsylvania assets, ITRR analysts reiterate the risk of attacks targeting maritime and port targets, as per jihadist communications described in PAIB no. 28. In addition, the risk of attacks targeting air traffic continues to be high, as noted in jihadist intelligence sharing communications described in PAIB no. 10 and as can be understood from the latest Bin-Laden recording.

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

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

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THREAT / INDICATOR / WARNING RATING	DESCRIPTION
<b>LOW (Level 4)</b>	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.
<b>MODERATE (Level 3)</b>	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.
<b>SEVERE (Level 2)</b>	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.
<b>CRITICAL (Level 1)</b>	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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