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ACTIONABLE DATE REMINDERS

- **12-13 May 2010:** The twenty-fifth anniversary of the violent standoff with the members of the radical **MOVE** organization in Philadelphia. On **12 May 2010**, MOVE members and supporters will be "delivering murder complaints" to Philadelphia District Attorney Seth Williams and holding a "press conference" at the AFSC center at 15th and Cherry Sts. In the evening, they will meet at the African-American Museum. (PAIB No. 79)
- **12 May 2010:** The radical, anti-capitalist **ANSWER Coalition** is promoting a "National Day of Action" targeting the BP energy corporation. Activists are calling for people to "take to the streets and demand the immediate seizure of BP's assets" in the wake of the currently expanding Gulf of Mexico oil disaster. (PAIB No. 82)
- **14 May 2010:** Other protests/initiatives to focus on BP, government officials and energy production companies nationwide. (See details herein.)
- **15 May 2010:** European anarchists are planning a "No Borders" protest in Paris, France. The anarchists have specifically cited Calais as a key point on an illegal migrant route from France to the United Kingdom. Thus, the organizations involved in promoting the "day of action" include anti-nationalist anarchists from London. **Students and faculty participating in foreign study programs in France** should be made aware of the high potential for violent or disruptive actions in Paris and Calais. (PAIB No. 80)

- **15 May 2010:** The International Day of Protest for Lolita. Animal rights activists in the **Pittsburgh** area will be holding a protest rally in **Point State Park** to "raise awareness about [Miami] Seaquarium Orca, Lolita" and to rally opposition to keeping sea animals like killer whales in captivity. (PAIB No. 79)
- **15 May-30 May 2010:** Potential high-profile targets for anti-gun protest activity include Pennsylvania gun shows this month, including:
 - 15-16 May 2010:** **Philadelphia** (Oaks), at the Greater Philadelphia Expo Center
 - 22-23 May 2010:** **Philadelphia**, at the National Guard grounds
 - 29-30 May 2010:** **Bristol**, at Kings Caterers (4010 New Falls Rd.)
 - 29-30 May 2010:** **Wind Gap**, at the Plainfield Township Fire Company Social Hall (6480 Sullivan Trail)
- **23 May 2010:** **Philadelphia**. The annual Israel Independence Day celebration, attracting thousands, will be held at **Penn's Landing** on the Delaware River Waterfront. 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 and pro-Israel gatherings. An example of the type of threatened incident occurred on 28 April 2010, when a police patrol car carrying Israel's Deputy Ambassador in Britain was violently attacked by an angry mob following her speech at the University of Manchester.

SECTOR-SPECIFIC THREATS, INDICATORS AND/OR WARNINGS

SECTORS: GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

1. *Somali Jihadists Declare Intent to 'Take Revenge'*

The Somali jihadist organization **Shabab Al-Mujahideen**, which has declared its fidelity to **Al-Qaeda**, announced a planned slaughter of Americans and their allies as "payback for Mogadishu."

In a communication intercepted by ITRR researchers, jihadists claim that 1 May 2010 bombings in Mogadishu (which killed over 25 people) were perpetrated by Western forces: "the same dirty hand that kills Muslims in Pakistan and Iraq, the same criminal companies called 'security companies.' These companies hurt Muslims during their meetings while they maintain their prayers, thinking that this will prevent the Muslims from continuing to pray and stand by their brothers, the jihad fighters."

Referring to Americans and their allies, the *Shabab* statement declares: "The way they made us their target, we have made them our target, and we will slaughter them wherever we will find them."

***** ANALYSIS *****

T//W Rating: SEVERE

Somalia remains a war zone, which should be avoided at this time. Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO) still operating in the country should note that such "revenge" attacks by the *Shabab* will not necessarily only focus on military targets. There is an increased risk of bombings and kidnapping operations at this time. According to all assessments, including from security sources, the *Shabab Al-Mujahideen* has already prepared car bombs and are planning to use them in the near future.

As noted in PAIB Nos. 35, 42, 43, 63 and 64, links between jihadist elements in the African continent have been steadily increasing. Intercepted communications have discussed the mutual assistance among Kenyan, Nigerian and Somali jihadists, the North Africa-based **Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM)**, and even Yemen. The *Shabab* and other Somali jihadist groups have openly pledged to contribute cadres to the global jihad led by *Al-Qaeda*, rather than just focusing on Somalia and to assist *Al-Qaeda* in increasing its African presence.

As noted in several previous PAIB editions, ITRR recommends that **Pennsylvanian students, faculty, researchers and other volunteers in North Africa, Mali and Mauritania** enhance accountability, vary travel routines and increase situational awareness. Pennsylvanian organizations with African links - such as **Pennsylvania State University, University of Pennsylvania** or the **Pennsylvania Credit Union Association** - should be aware of the increased risk of attack or abduction in Kenya, Nigeria and the Horn of Africa.

SECTOR: GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

2. *Taliban Threat to Belgium Over 'Burka Law'*

Belgian media has reported that the Taliban threatens to carry out terror attacks against their country because of a recently-tabled law that would outlaw the *burka* (full-body covering for women) in public. The VTM television report included a video of apparent Taliban fighters issuing the threat.

On 29 April 2010, Belgian lawmakers of the lower legislature voted overwhelmingly to ban the wearing of the Islamic *burka* in public. The law, if it passes the upper legislature, will become the first, across-the-board ban of its kind in Europe.

***** ANALYSIS *****

T//W Rating: MODERATE

ITRR analysts observe that the issue of Muslim women's traditional head-gear and dress has been a source of strong dispute in Europe. France has limited the *hijab* (headscarf) in public schools, and recently the majority-Muslim Kosovo has taken a similar legislative step. The issue surfaces periodically in Islamist communications; however, these are far more focused on military conflicts involving Muslims worldwide.

In PAIB No. 57, ITRR analysts noted an increased risk of terrorist attack in Belgium and possibly against Belgian assets elsewhere. Potential targets were identified as including governmental, judicial and public facilities. In November 2009 (see PAIB No. 14), ITRR researchers noted that jihadist communications had focused on Brussels specifically.

While the Belgian report on the new, emerging legislation has itself become the subject of shared open source information among jihadists, as of this writing ITRR analysts note that there have been no significant jihadist responses to the legal developments. While there are, therefore, no specific indications of a need for additional security measures in Belgium at this time, ITRR analysts reiterate previously provided guidance regarding the possibility of lone-wolf attacks in the country inspired by recent jihadist incitement.

In continuation of previous recommendations, ITRR analysts advise that exchange students and faculty from the University of Pennsylvania's School of Dentistry at Belgium's Catholic University should maintain heightened situational awareness. As should University of Pittsburgh students taking part in the exchange program with Solvay Brussels School of Economics and Management. In Pennsylvania, Belgian assets include the honorary consul, Mrs. Anne Billiet Lackner at the law offices of The Lackner Group, Inc. (700 North Bell Avenue, Suite 290) in Pittsburgh.

ITRR will be monitoring for any calls indicating/inciting independent jihadist attacks against Belgian assets in Europe and abroad.

3. South African White Supremacist Terrorist Plot Intercepted

Five white supremacists from South Africa were apprehended last month, before they could implement an alleged plot before the 2010 World Cup that would have included detonating explosives in Capoid neighborhoods. The group claimed to have been motivated by the murder last month of Eugene Terreblanche, leader of the **Afrikaner Resistance Movement (ARM)**, by two Capoid farm hands. Members of the ARM had, in fact, promised revenge immediately after the murder in early April 2010.

Police confiscated firearms and explosives from properties associated with the suspects. Initially, the group was arrested for desecrating the gravesite of a Capoid South African leader.

The police investigator in charge of the case dismissed any link to the World Cup soccer tournament.

***** ANALYSIS *****

T/I/W Rating: MODERATE

ITRR analysts see the above incident as an indication of another security risk posed to the 2010 World Cup games. White supremacists in South Africa, instigated both by the murder of their erstwhile leader and by the positive international attention the South African government will receive at the tournament, may yet seek to disrupt the event with terrorist activity. The interception of the above-mentioned plot may itself serve as inspiration and motivation for additional lone-wolf terrorism targeting the games.

Students, faculty and researchers attending South African educational institutions through the following educational institutions should be made aware of the additional specific risk associated with attending World Cup games this year:

- University of Pennsylvania's African Studies Center (the Fulbright-Hays Intensive Intermediate-Advanced Zulu Group Project Abroad in KwaZulu-Natal)
- Pennsylvania State University (the Alliance for Education, Science, Engineering and Development in Africa, in conjunction with the University of Cape Town)
- others

ITRR analysts recommend that security personnel heighten situational awareness not only in close proximity to the stadiums, where there is likely to be heavy national security services coverage, but in the outer circles such as transportation hubs, Capoid townships and large hotels.

SECTORS: COMMERCIAL FACILITIES AND GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

4. *Tactics: UK White Supremacists Planned Ricin Attack*

In the UK a man and his teenage son were recently convicted on charges related to an apparent plot to murder Jews and Muslims using ricin, pipe bombs and other methods gleaned from anarchist and far-right online manuals.

The son had set up an online forum for White supremacists worldwide, while the father had attracted dozens or perhaps hundreds to his **Aryan Strike Force** group. In December 2009, two other men were charged with inciting the murder of Jews through an Aryan Strike Force website, and with collecting and disseminating intelligence useful for a terrorist attack.

Additional claims by police are that the group planned paramilitary operations intended to topple the UK government.

***** ANALYSIS *****

T/I/W Rating: MODERATE

The introduction of chemical weapons into the White supremacist arsenal by way of anarchist and other non-fascist guidebooks is an additional indication of the cross-pollination among disparate (even rival) terrorist groups.

As the plotters clearly shared information with hundreds of others sympathetic to White supremacist ideology, ITRR analysts recommend heightened situational awareness in the vicinity of identifiable Jewish or Muslim assets in the UK, the European Union and North

America. The interception of the above-mentioned plot may itself serve as inspiration and motivation for additional lone-wolf White supremacist terrorism.

The above-mentioned Aryan Strike Force has close links to the **Racial Volunteer Force (RVF)**, which is itself a spin-off of **Combat 18** and **Blood and Honour**, which have North American chapters and has organized prison gangs. Recent RVF communications have noted the recent arrests of their ideological fellow travelers and have therefore warned sympathizers, "Being a member of the RVF carries the very real risk, as has been seen recently, of you serving a jail sentence." Additionally, the RVF has recently closed an online forum due to operational security concerns following the arrests.

ITRR researchers are exploring possible connections between the suspects arrested in the UK, their Aryan Strike Force and recent increased North American White supremacist activities.

SECTORS: COMMERCIAL FACILITIES AND ENERGY

5. *Eco-Activists Expand Targeting Beyond BP*

Environmental activists are planning to press ahead with a string of protests targeting the BP energy corporation. However, the eco-activists' most recently announced protests are slated to expand the bank of targeted entities to include other energy companies, as well as federal and state officials.

The planned Day of Action/Night of Mourning Emergency Response is to take place on 14 May 2010. It is organized by **Rising Tide North America (RTNA)**, which is encouraging activists to target the following sites:

- BP gas stations and offices
- Halliburton and Transocean offices
- Federal buildings
- Offices of members of Congress
- State government officials in states affected by offshore drilling
- "other implicated companies"

Organizers promise "widespread actions and vigil[s]" directed against "fossil-fuel profiteers" declaring that "what has happened cannot be undone - Never Again."

***** ANALYSIS *****

T/I/W Rating: MODERATE

ITRR analysts note that the RTNA call for widespread demonstrations appears to be an expansion of previous calls by eco-activists to specifically target BP facilities. In PAIB No. 82, ITRR researchers noted that the radical, anti-capitalist **ANSWER Coalition** is promoting a "National Day of Action" targeting the BP energy corporation on 12 May 2010. The activists are calling for people to "take to the streets and demand the immediate seizure of BP's assets" in the wake of the currently expanding Gulf of Mexico oil disaster. In PAIB No. 80, ITRR noted the call for activists to blockade BP service stations nationwide (see PAIB No. 80 for a list of BP stations in Pennsylvania) for an unlimited period of time, starting yesterday (9 May).

As noted in the foregoing PAIB editions, the BP group includes Amoco, ARCO and BP, as well as the AM/PM outlets and Castrol motor oil. Varying types of protests are likely to be held at BP and subsidiary locations throughout Pennsylvania.

Security personnel and law enforcement should be aware of the planned protests at the above-named sites, which may include illegal or violent "direct action" by radical anti-capitalist, anarchist or environmentalist elements in attendance. Primarily, however, law enforcement is likely to have to focus on crowd control, as well as identifying and isolating uncontrolled participants.

No actionable intelligence at this time for 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
TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS
WATER

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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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