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ACTIONABLE DATE REMINDERS

- **1-30 April 2010:** World-wide animal rights activists are holding "Animals in Laboratories Month". Any facility that uses animals in scientific research may see protests. ITRR researchers are monitoring activist communications for possible Pennsylvania-region events and ramifications.
- **15 April 2010:** Parallel with a mass rally in Washington DC on this day, hundreds of thousands of Americans are expected to hold Tax Day Tea Party protests at various locations around the country, including several in Pennsylvania. The DC rally comes at the end of a 23-state "Tea Party Express" caravan and series of rallies. A popular anarchist communication includes a call to "crash the tea parties" slated for various locations around the country. (See PAIB nos. 61, 65 and 67 for further details of upcoming PA Tea Party events.)
- **17 April 2010:** Anti-military protesters are planning a protest rally, which they are calling a "vigil", against the Army Experience Center (AEC) at Franklin Mills Mall. The event, calling to shut down the AEC, is to be held at the corner of Knights and Woodhaven Rds. The protest is part of a campaign involving monthly demonstrations outside the AEC and, sometimes, inside the mall.

- **17-18 April 2010:** An "Actionvention" and the "Pittsburgh Freedom School" (PFS), organized by the far-left, anti-authoritarian Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), is taking place in Pittsburgh. The events will include training, learning and "direct action" focused on "social and environmental justice." Confirmed events on the PFS agenda that may include or generate specific security risks include: **17 April 2010** - protest against unmanned Predator drone aircraft at Carnegie Mellon University's Software Engineering Institute; a "Nonviolent Direct Action Training" event at Schenley Plaza; and **18 April 2010** - a study session referencing the Marcellus Shale gas drilling project, which was specifically targeted in a communication and training from the Ruckus Working Group, an anarchist organization, late last year. ITRR analysts believe there is a significant risk that the "Actionvention" will draw confrontation-oriented radical elements.
- **18-25 April 2010:** ITRR analysts have noted increased chatter among jihadists, anarchists and radical anti-war elements discussing hostile attacks on Jewish and Israeli assets worldwide, which can include small, localized Israel Independence Day events in Pennsylvania. Such events, which may draw the attention of local lone-wolf attackers or anti-Israel activists, include: **18 April 2010** at Congregation Tiferet Bet Israel in Blue Bell and Beth Sholom Congregation in Elkins Park (the latter event sponsored by the Consulate General of Israel); **19 April 2010** at the congregations of Shaare Shamayim in Philadelphia, Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel in Elkins Park, Congregation Mikveh Israel in Philadelphia, and an outdoor event at the Wilson Farm Park in Wayne; **20 April 2010** at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Pittsburgh; **21 April 2010** at the Har Zion Temple in Penn Valley; and **25 April 2010** at Riverside Theater in Bristol.
- **19 April 2010:** A Second Amendment March/Rally in Washington, DC, as well as related events across the nation in the month of April. As-yet unconfirmed indications that a parallel event in Oklahoma City will draw armed militia members and gun rights extremists intent on committing weapons violations, while members of the nationwide American Resistance Movement (ARM) have been urged to discharge their firearms at midnight on 19 April. Pennsylvania's Fifth Annual Right to Keep and Bear Arms (RKBA) Rally is to take place at the capitol building in Harrisburg on 27 April.

- **21 April 2010:** Progressive Democrats of America will be holding Brown Bag Lunch Vigils, to protest US involvement in the ongoing wars in Iraq, Pakistan and Afghanistan, at the offices of: Cong. Bob Brady at 1907-09 S. Broad St. in Philadelphia; Cong. Chaka Fattah at 4104 Walnut St. in Philadelphia; Cong. Charlie Dent at 701 W. Broad St. in Bethlehem; Cong. Joe Sestak at 600 N. Jackson St. in Media.
- **22 April 2010:** Philadelphia peace activists will be holding a noon "Earth Day for Peace!" rally at Independence Mall followed by a "Peace Walk" to Camden, NJ. The theme will be "Honor the Earth: Abolish Nuclear Weapons Unite and Act for a Nuclear-Free Planet!" The Green Party and collaborating activists singled out PA Department of Environmental Protection regional offices in Norristown, Wilkes-Barre, Pittsburgh, Williamsport, Meadville and Harrisburg for Earth Day protests, as well.

SECTOR-SPECIFIC THREATS, INDICATORS AND/OR WARNINGS

Sectors: GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

1. Expected IRA Terror Attack Materializes

Today, 12 April 2010, a VBIED was detonated in Holywood, County Down, outside the military barracks where the British intelligence service MI5 has its Northern Ireland headquarters. The explosives were placed in a hijacked taxi and was driven to the target by the taxi driver, who was apparently a hostage of the terrorists for a few hours. One man was injured in the attack, which was preceded by a phoned-in warning. The Real IRA claimed responsibility.

***** ANALYSIS*****

T/I/W Rating: MODERATE

In PAIB no. 52 ITRR researchers noted that there has been a notable increase in terrorist actions by Irish republican factions since late last year. In September 2009, as noted in ITRR reports at the time, cells of armed thugs - purportedly affiliated with republican dissident terror groups such as the Real IRA (RIRA) or Continuity IRA (CIRA) - were intensely attempting to revive sectarian violence in Northern Ireland.

February 2010 saw an increase in attempts to perpetrate large-scale attacks, which ITRR analysts identified at the time as possibly motivated by the Hillsborough Agreement between republican and unionist political factions, which transferred policing and judicial powers in Northern Ireland from London to Belfast.

The VBIED attack Monday took place less than two hours after the midnight deadline for the aforementioned power transfer. ITRR analysts therefore see the bombing as the materialization of previous warnings regarding Real IRA targeting intelligence.

Active cells of RIRA and CIRA remain an ongoing threat in Northern Ireland. The dissident republican groups are primarily targeting law enforcement; however, last year saw targeting of civilian assets such as Orange Halls and GAA (Gaelic soccer) clubs in North Antrim, churches, and Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) halls. Sectarian violence has thus far been limited to specific targets and areas of Northern Ireland. Nonetheless, general situational awareness is called for among students and faculty associated with overseas programs in Northern Ireland, such as those of Millersville University and the Pennsylvania College of Technology.

Sectors: COMMERCIAL FACILITIES; TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS; GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

2. Global BBC Offices, Personnel Targeted

ITRR researchers have intercepted jihadist communications explicitly targeting British Broadcasting Company facilities and personnel worldwide.

In an "urgent" message regarding "revenge against the BBC", a jihadist says that an unnamed "we" are boycotting the network. He then calls on jihad fighters, *mujahideen*, to "do whatever is necessary against the offices and personnel of the channel, including abducting the channel's personnel from every state in the world, and to demand a formal apology from the Muslims through television."

The communication explains that the BBC "has crossed the lines in their war against the Muslims" by interviewing people who "attack and insult the Prophet, Islam and the Koran." To the BBC, the jihadist writer declares: "What you did by crossing the lines against Islam makes you the enemies of Islam, and we must fight you as we fight the enemies of the Islam."

The communication concludes with a quote from Osama Bin-Laden to the effect that a coming attack, presumably on the BBC, will be a devastating and shocking surprise.

***** ANALYSIS*****

T//W Rating: MODERATE

ITRR analysts note that the intent to target the BBC provides targeting guidance to organized terror groups, as well as to lone wolf terrorists. Prior jihadist communications intercepted by ITRR referring specifically to the United Kingdom included the intent to target UK transportation systems. In PAIB no. 53, ITRR analysts noted a stepped-up threats against British nationals and assets in the UK and worldwide.

More specifically, ITRR analysts recommend heightened situational awareness among BBC or other British media employees in and outside of the UK, as well as at, and in proximity to, facilities identifiable as affiliated with the BBC or other British media. (Currently, TAM-C analysts identify Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb as the most active cell - outside the war zones of Iraq and Afghanistan - involved in kidnapping Westerners, primarily in Algeria, Mauritania and Mali. There is additional heightened risk of hostage-taking on behalf of Al-Qaeda in the Philippines, Indonesia and Malaysia by Abu Sayyaf or Jemaah Islamiyah, in Somalia and Kenya by Shabab Al-Mujahideen, and in the Gulf states and Yemen by Al-Qaeda of the Arabian Peninsula.)

Students and researchers from Pennsylvania taking part in the many exchange programs in the United Kingdom (such as through Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Clarion, East Stroudsburg, Mansfield and Westminster) are advised to increase situational awareness at the current time. In Pennsylvania, the British-American Business Council (BABC) has offices in the Chambers of Commerce of the Greater Philadelphia area and of Pittsburgh, which may be targeted for protest or more destructive action.

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
BANKING AND FINANCE
WATER
CHEMICAL
CRITICAL MANUFACTURING
DAMS
EMERGENCY SERVICES
NUCLEAR REACTORS, MATERIALS, AND WASTE
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
COMMUNICATIONS
POSTAL AND SHIPPING

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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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