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### ACTIONABLE DATE REMINDERS

- **15 March 2010:** Animal rights activists will be holding an International Day of Action Against Seal Hunting. ITRR analysts expect protests at Canadian embassies and consulates. Previous years' protests also targeted Red Lobster sea food restaurants that serve Canadian-caught fish.
- **15-19 March 2010:** Seven environmental activists who are charged with organizing violent protests at the Copenhagen Climate Change Summit in 2009 (COP15) are set to face criminal proceedings 16-19 March 2010. Their supporters are calling for protests at the courthouse venue in Denmark starting 15 March 2010, as well as for solidarity protests at Danish embassies around the world. (PAIB no. 52)
- **17 March 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: Congressmen Charlie Dent (701 W. Broad St, **Bethlehem**), Chaka Fattah (4104 Walnut St, **Philadelphia**), and Joe Sestak (600 N. Jackson St, **Media**).
- **26-28 March 2010:** NC Rising, an anarchist and anti-authoritarian conference in North Carolina, is slated for Chapel Hill. Attendees will learn about statewide networking, squatting and occupying public property, "eco-defense," direct action and more. Attendees are likely to include anarchists from outside the state, with lessons learned applied throughout the East Coast (and beyond), including among Pennsylvania anarchist groups.

- **1 April 2010:** Rising Tide North America (RTNA) announced a nationwide campaign called "Fossil Fool's Day." Tactics advocated for the April RTNA campaign include, according to their promotional materials, "the simply subversive to the downright disruptive." Activists are encouraged to take action in their own regions. Energy firms in Pennsylvania, particularly coal-based energy, face the possibility of eco-activists targeting their facilities. Additional targeting may include the **EPA regional office in Philadelphia**. (PAIB no. 43)
- **1-30 April 2010:** Animal rights activists will be holding Animals in Laboratories Month. Any facility that uses animals in scientific research may see protests. Animal rights activity expected to be especially strong during the week of 17-24 April.

## SECTOR-SPECIFIC THREATS, INDICATORS AND/OR WARNINGS

### Sectors: COMMERCIAL FACILITIES & GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

#### 1. *Expected Reactions to Anarchist's Death*

On 10 March 2010, in Athens, Greece, police shot and killed a 35-year-old anarchist named Lambros Fountas. Authorities said Fountas, who was among 500 anarchists arrested in major riots in 1995, was armed and attempting to steal a car.

Investigators are examining apparent links between Fountas and various recent terrorist attacks and bank robberies in Athens. Thus far, Fountas' accomplices in the foiled car theft allegedly took part in at least one recent attack claimed by an anarchist terror group known as Revolutionary Struggle.

Anarchist reaction to the killing included arson targeting a van parked in the courtyard of the Ministry of Culture in Athens. The attack followed a march and entry into the courtyard by way of back streets. Other reactions in anarchist communications, including from an imprisoned anarchist, called Fountas "a real fighter and an example for all of us."

The death came as police and youths clashed in the streets last week over the Greek government's proposed austerity measures.

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

**T/I/W Rating: MODERATE-to-SEVERE**

Greek anarchist violence has focused primarily, although not exclusively, on law enforcement and has included rioting, shooting, firebombs, arson and other sabotage. ITRR analysts expect a continuing increase in anarchist protests, vandalism, and terror attacks in Greece (see also PAIB no. 38). Athens will naturally be at the epicenter of such actions, targeting government and law enforcement assets.

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.

There is also a potential of protests and possible sympathetic violence abroad (see PAIB no. 36). ITRR analysts have previously identified the cross-pollination, inspiration, and intelligence sharing in which such anarchist and affiliated groups engage. Any disorders will not be limited to cities having Greek consulates and embassies; however, protests in cities in which Greek representative offices are located will most likely focus on them. ITRR researchers are currently monitoring the anarchist networks for Pennsylvania targeting indicators.

#### **Sector: GOVERNMENT FACILITIES**

#### **2. Activists Planning 'Bad-Ass' Actions in Pittsburgh**

In internal communications intercepted by ITRR researchers, radical left-wing activists revealed that unidentified "members of the black community" and others "are organizing bad-ass actions" in response to Pittsburgh's police force supporting three officers accused of needlessly beating a black high school student. The University of Pittsburgh's Black Action Society was specifically named as being involved in the planning.

The far-left activists add that it will benefit both the radical Black groups and the far-left activists to collaborate, including in sharing organizing methods. Additionally, the far-left communication expresses the view that "solidarity" with the Black student groups will give them credibility in future protest actions over what they identify as minority-related issues.

In discussing other coming anarchist and anti-authoritarian events in Pittsburgh, the far-left communication notes that the city is "a hot bed of a ton of radical projects" that can be leveraged for relevant "action" events.

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

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

Regarding the alleged police brutality incident mentioned above, there is clear anger in the black community; however, most of the rage has thus far been directed toward legal petitions and gatherings demanding that the officers in question be investigated and charged. At the same time, according to ITRR analysts, the recently intercepted far-left communications cited above would seem to indicate planning for a more confrontational, and less legal, activist response. The risk involved depends on the level of coordination and the identities of the various Pittsburgh-area radical activist groups that choose to act regarding this issue.

In addition, security personnel should be aware of the potential for increased communal tensions that may unexpectedly overflow into clashes.

Also of note, in February discussions among community activists regarding the Jordan Miles case (PAIB no. 49), several local government officeholders were specifically mentioned: Pittsburgh Mayor Luke Ravenstahl, Police Chief Nate Harper, and Allegheny County District Attorney Stephen A. Zappala, Jr.

**Sectors:** COMMERCIAL FACILITIES & AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

**3. *Trying to Stop 'Stop & Shop'***

Activists from the Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW) and the New England Delegation for Farmworker Justice are planning to target the headquarters of the Stop & Shop supermarket chain in Quincy, Massachusetts, starting on 15 March 2010. Their goal is to force Stop & Shop to "push for more humane labor standards from their Florida tomato suppliers (including a zero tolerance policy for slavery), to pay a price premium for more fairly produced tomatoes, and to shift purchases to growers who meet those higher standards."

CIW focuses on pay and living conditions of migrant workers, especially those workers who pick tomatoes in Florida. The organization, drawing on aggressive left-wing activists, has successfully changed the policies of major fast-food companies including Taco Bell, McDonalds, Burger King and Subway.

Stop & Shop is a sister organization of the **Giant supermarket chain**.

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

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

CIW has used tactics ranging from mass demonstrations to boycotts to threats. In the past, pressures placed on targeted organizations have been decentralized - a facility in Allentown, Pennsylvania, was as likely to be targeted as a facility in Massachusetts.

In December 2009 (PAIB no. 18), CIW announced a campaign against Stop & Shop that was to continue until the group's demands are met. As part of this ongoing campaign, it is expected that pressure will be applied outside Quincy to various Stop & Shop outlets, Super G groceries and, potentially, the Giant supermarket chain (Giant-Landover and Giant Food of Carlisle).

As of this writing, ITRR analysts expect the protests to be legal, which will require law enforcement personnel to provide crowd control. However, student groups in support of the CIW have used tactics in the past that included sit-in-type demonstrations.

**Sectors:** COMMERCIAL FACILITIES & GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

**4. International Protests Anticipated Surrounding G8/G20 Meetings**

Starting the process towards a successful demonstration against governments, capitalist economies, borders requiring travel documents and climate change, Canadian anarchists are focusing their attention on Toronto. In the anarchists' words, "As we prepare to flood the streets of Toronto on May Day (May 1, 2010), and as we build our resistance to the G8/G20 Summits coming to Toronto in June 2010, this series of events will lay out a vision for a city that includes everyone that lives, works, loves and struggles here."

The G8 summit will be held from 26-28 April 2010. The G20 summit will be held on 26-27 June 2010.

Similar to the planning that preceded the COP15 United Nations Climate Talks in Copenhagen, the anarchists are defining Days of Resistance (21-24 June 2010) and Days of Action (25-27 June 2010). At this time, the Days of Resistance will focus on:

- a - Indigenous sovereignty and self-determination
- b - Economic justice
- c - Climate and environmental justice
- d - Migrant justice
- e - An end to war and occupation

The Days of Action will focus on:

- a - Self-determination for indigenous peoples
- b - Climate justice
- c - Income equity and community control over resources
- d - Migrant justice
- e - An end to war and occupation

People are encouraged to hold activities including "marches, rallies, direct actions in cities across the world."

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

**T//W Rating: MODERATE-to-SEVERE**

The anarchists of Toronto are following the tested technique of identifying various "causes" in advance of a major disruption effort, according to ITRR analysts. This serves to broaden the participation of anarchist affinity groups elsewhere.

Furthermore, as detailed in PAIB no. 50, ITRR analysts believe that the Northeast Anarchist Network (NEAN), which demonstrated its strength at the G20 talks in Pittsburgh, will be stepping up its activities (legal and illegal) in the northeastern United States through May 2010. ITRR researchers are currently monitoring the Anarchist networks for targeting indicators in Pennsylvania.

While specific plans for disruption in advance of the April G8 meeting have not, as yet, been identified, ITRR expects the protests surrounding the June G20 talks to be very vigorous, with a high potential for rioting and associated vandalism.

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<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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