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SECTOR-SPECIFIC THREATS

SECTORS: COMMERCIAL FACILITIES, COMMUNICATIONS, GOVERNMENT FACILITIES, TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS

Islamists Censure Denmark, Again

Arab language researchers of the Targeted Actionable Monitoring Center (TAM-C) have identified the intent to incite terror activity aimed at Denmark.

The jihadist communication, referring to the target as "the kuffar [infidel] Denmark," has stated that Denmark is "manufacturing dolls that ridicule the prophet and his wives."

The jihadist communication states that the doll says, "play with the prophet" and that it has 23 female dolls with it that replicate his wives, including Aisha the 6 year old. [TAM-C researchers have not been able to verify the existence of such a doll(s).]

The jihadist communication asks why there has been no Islamist response to this insult: "Here Denmark is making a mockery of the Prophet Muhammad and his wives and we don't hear anything from your mouth."

TAM-C analysts do not believe that this effort to create resentment towards Denmark is part of a centralized command effort to manufacture an excuse to attack. However, TAM-C analysts do view this as an attempt to incite lone-wolf attacks.

The targeting of Denmark by jihadist communications claiming insulting behavior is part of a pattern that has included the Netherlands.

********ANALYSIS********

TAM-C analysts note that international jihadists are continuing to insist on acts of violence being aimed at Denmark.

Security personnel responsible for Danish or Danish- identified assets within the Commonwealth should beware the continuing pressure within international jihadist circles to punish Denmark for the perceived insult to the Islamic prophet, Muhammad.

TAM-C analysts reiterate that in February 2006, during the global "Danish cartoon riots", regional Muslims staged protests and attempted boycott against the Philadelphia Inquirer. The Inquirer was one of the only newspapers in the US that published the cartoons of Muhammad.

One protester, a Salafi Imam criticized the Inquirer's act by using Islamic scripture to argue that those who insult the Prophet Muhammad or Islam deserve death [see ***Intense Mosque,*** PAIB07: 13 November 2009].

TAM-C analysts believe that more protests, boycotts, and/or calls for death will take place again the Commonwealth should news of this "Muhammad doll" or similar perceived insults to Islam inflame individual or group passions within the radical elements within the local Muslim communities.

TAM-C analysts note on 27 October 2009, a Jihadist conspiring with others to attack Danish targets for the Muhammad cartoons was arrested at Chicago O'Hara Airport just before boarding a flight to Philadelphia International Airport, en route to Pakistan. [See ***Gateway for Jihadists***, PAIB02: 2 November 2009].

Security personnel responsible for Danish or Danish-identified assets in the Commonwealth should beware of groups gathering outside of their facilities that may be sparked into mob violence.

TAM-C analysts have identified two local Danish Consulates:

- Royal Danish Consulate in Philadelphia
  Address: c/o McCracken, Walker, & Rhoads, L.L.P.

123 S. Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19109
Telephone: (215) 772-1500 // Fax: (215) 772-7620

- Royal Danish Consulate in Pittsburgh
  Tippins Industries 1090 Freeport Road
  Pittsburgh, PA 15238
  Telephone (412) 784-8804 // Fax (412) 784-8825

TAM-C analysts have further established that Philadelphia and Pittsburgh airports both offer regular, non-stop flights to/from Copenhagen.

TAM-C analysts will continue to monitor the active Jihadist threats against Denmark and determine what ripple-effects if any it has on the Commonwealth.

SECTORS: AGRICULTURE AND FOOD, POSTAL AND SHIPPING, TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS, WATER

Jihadists Target Planes, Ships

TAM-C native Arabic-language analysts have intercepted communications between Jihadists who explicitly list the nations suitable for suicide operations. In order of priority, they are: America, Israel, the UK, France, Germany, and NATO-affiliated states.

Western tourists in foreign countries are included in this targeting because they are easy to attack and their deaths would generate worldwide coverage by the press, so the Jihadists reason.

The discussion then turns to smuggling and detonating chemical and biological weapons on transportation systems.

Begin TAM-C Translation***

Jihadist A: "Brother, are there any devices in airports that can discover toxic poisons? If I put toxic material into an air freshener, does it hold for 12 hours, or will it lose its effectiveness? Can they discover it?"

Jihadist B: "The devices in airports can discover almost any kind of explosive except material that doesn't have chlorine. For example, they can’t discover materials like nitroglycerin; this is the reason why they forbid passengers to board the plane with any

liquid or medicine. But you can transfer it on ships, or you can make the explosive in the city or country of your destination. The best way is to keep the materials in containers with no oxygen, but don't mix it with other materials if you don't know what the consequence will be. Botulinum for example is more toxic than cyanide. We also heard that they are trying to improve their security devices so that they can detect all kinds of materials. I am going to check this issue and I will get back to you."

Jihadist A: "How many liters of the materials that you mentioned does it require to take down an airplane? Which detonator is the best to blow up nitroglycerin?"

Jihadist B: "The easiest way: use a 1.5 volt battery and another small device that can ignite a spark, although if you do it in an open space, the burning will be small, and it won't explode. The problem is that you are not allowed to take these materials on a plane, so you can succeed only if Allah guides you. I have an idea...but I can't discuss it here, or German intelligence could apprehend it..."

Jihadist A: "My brothers, I want information on battle-ships and how they are built, especially their weak-points. I want information on aircraft carriers. I want to know how to disrupt their radar systems and how radar works. I am waiting for your answers. All we need is this information and we will have a new weapon, which will give all Muslims reason to celebrate."

*****End TAM-C Translation**

********ANALYSIS********

TAM-C analysts recommend that aviation and port security personnel responsible for checking luggage increase the level of inspection given to seemingly innocuous containers meant to hold shampoo, shaving cream, perfume, body oil, pills, etc.

TAM-C analysts point out that, in the Jihadists' communication above, they speak of concealing toxic chemicals inside the tank of an air-freshener. TAM-C adds that similar tactics can also be applied to air ventilation systems such as those in airplanes, ships, airports, and buildings.

TAM-C analysts suggest that security personnel responsible for transportation systems should beware the possibility of collusion and/or infiltration attempts.

Prior TAM-C alerts showed that Jihadists are actively attempting (and in some cases succeeding) to recruit vulnerable individuals from within the targeted system.

A recent example of (non-terror related) collusion: in June 2009, a 29-year old man from South Philadelphia named Damien Young was arrested at Philadelphia International Airport after successfully smuggling a Smith & Wesson 9mm semiautomatic handgun on a US Airways flight.

Young was first noticed, not by security personnel, but by a vigilant citizen who witnessed him switching identical-looking laptop cases with a US Airways customer-service representative (who happened to be his roommate).

Obviously, such security breaches would have catastrophic consequences if this tactic was replicated by Jihadists wielding biological and chemical weaponry, Jihadists trained not to show physical traits of nervousness which is what gave away Mr. Young.

TAM-C analysts also note the Jihadist's stated concern of being watched by "German intelligence", reaffirming prior TAM-C alerts that Germany (including American infrastructure in Germany and German assets in America) is the focus of an ongoing al-Qaeda plot that has yet to hatch.

SECTORS: CHEMICAL, COMMERCIAL FACILITIES, CRITICAL MANUFACTURING, ENERGY, GOVERNMENT FACILITIES, TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS

Train Ambushed by Rock Attack

On 15 November 2009, a train in Australia carrying 48 passengers came under attack by assailants who were waiting in ambush.

At 6AM, the conductor noticed a rock-filled crate sitting on the tracks. He immediately slowed the train down to 62 miles per hour before smashing into the crate.

Moments after the collision, the conductor's car was pelted with rocks by assailants who were hiding in the bushes on both sides of the tracks. Three rocks hit the windshield of the car but did not penetrate the glass.

The assailants had cut through the fence surrounding the tracks and escaped. Nobody in the train was hurt though the driver was treated for shock.

********ANALYSIS********

TAM-C analysts note that this tactic could be employed against any train anywhere in the world, not only by rock-pelting pranksters but by far more sinister terrorists - international and/or domestic.

TAM-C analysts have observed that Jihadists in particular prefer to attack using the element of surprise, i.e. ambush. Besides the tactical advantage given to ambush, such an attack also intensifies the psychological fear or terror instilled in the victims.

One can immediately understand the devastating consequences should such a terrorist use this tactic, only, substituting a crate of rocks with an improvised explosive device, and a salvo of stones with bullets, grenades, and/or rockets.

SECTORS: COMMERCIAL FACILITIES, GOVERNMENT FACILITIES, NATIONAL ICONS AND MONUMENTS, TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS

National Day of Outrage

On 23 November 2009, the Reverend Al Sharpton's civil-rights organization, 'National Action Center', is organizing a "National Day of Outrage" against gang and youth violence in urban neighborhoods.

The Philadelphia-based National Day of Outrage will take place from 2-5PM EST at Love Park, 16th and JFK. The other cities involved: New York, Atlanta, Chicago, Los Angeles, Detroit, Cleveland, Houston, and St. Louis.

********ANALYSIS********

TAM-C analysts have identified white-supremacist, hateful communications revolving around this event and its organizers:

- "When it's nigger on nigger crime the nigger brain shuts down in a mental blackout because they can't take sides when both sides are right in their eyes."
- "Nigger on nigger crime makes no money n shit for nigger Jackass or Shapgoon."

TAM-C analysts note these communications were directed at the nationwide event in general and not specifically at the Philadelphia-based version.

Besides crowd control issues and securing City Hall nearby (including the Septa station underneath), TAM-C analysts suggest security personnel beware the possibility of white-supremacists or other counter-protestors provoking participants.

TAM-C analysts see a chance of racial disturbance intensified by the fact that this event falls one day after the Philadelphia "End the Fed" protest on 22 November 2009.

TAM-C analysts reported before that the "End the Fed" event has attracted the attention of white supremacists [see ***End the Fed in Philadelphia***, PAIB04: 6 November 2009].

These white supremacists, whether from Philadelphia or the surrounding region, might attend the Sunday event and linger in town to cause trouble for the "National Day of Outrage" the next day.

TAM-C analysts will continue to monitor the racist chatter to detect whether any specific threats are directed at either Philadelphia event.

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STRATEGIC ANALYSIS

The Return of Campus Activism

The Fall 2009 semester is giving renewed rise to an older area of study – protests and the takeover of university buildings by protesting students. Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Italy, several campuses in the US – all have dealt with protests that included the occupation of campus buildings and a list of demands. The demonstrations in Greece were particularly violent with arson added to the mix.

It seems like the Columbia University protests of 1968 all over again.

The International Students Movement has been a big impetus to these campus demonstrations. Under the banner, “Education Is Not for Sale” students have been protesting educational budget cuts, rising tuition, and reductions in teaching staff. In a touch of irony, the November, 2009 riots in Greece were in celebration of the student riots of 1973.

As recently as 19 November 2009, 52 UC-Davis students were arrested after protesting a 32% tuition increase. Student protestors disrupted classrooms, occupied buildings, obstructed police officers, and blockaded streets. Among the placards, one read: “Education only for the rich.”

TAM-C analysts note that this rush to protest is not spontaneous. It is part of the international Anarchist movement that has been coordinated through Internet postings. The intent to protest during November was preplanned. The phrase “Education Is Not for Sale” has shown up in multiple locations. The coordinating group expected no less than 33 European universities to have campus protests.

TAM-C analysts expect more protests in the US in the coming months. Just as the students are coordinating their activities, it behooves law enforcement personnel from both the campus environment and civil authorities in the area of colleges and universities to start working out their coordinated response.

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