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STRATEGIC ANALYSIS

1. Security Tightening in Yemen; Indicates Increasing Risk

In a new item appearing on an Arabic-language Islamist news-and-views website, it was reported that Yemen has been tightening its security measures around vital assets in the Maarib region. Oil pipelines in the eastern province have suffered a series of attacks in recent weeks in areas controlled by fiercely independent Yemenite tribes.

Al-Qaeda of the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) has reportedly initiated attacks against oil facilities in Yemen, with the most recent being a strike targeting the main pipeline in Maarib. Yemeni authorities announced that they recently foiled an attempt by AQAP to attack economic, military and government facilities in the same area.

Maarib-area tribes and Al-Qaeda have forged links over their common opposition to the central Yemeni government and a general traditional conservatism.

ITRR analysts see the stepped up Yemeni security activity in the Maarib area as an indication that the authorities have intelligence pointing to impending increased activities by the local tribes and AQAP forces. ITRR therefore reiterates its warning, initially issued as far back as PAIB no. 27, that AQAP and affiliated groups are likely to target oil pipelines and energy shipping lanes within the Arabian Peninsula or in the Gulf of Aden.

Also of note is that an official AQAP recording in May 2010 included a series of boastful threats against Americans and American assets worldwide. The Americans, the AQAP spokesman says, kill "innocent tribesman" in Yemen, Iraq, the Palestinian Authority, Pakistan and

Afghanistan. Specifically, the recording cites the American use of unmanned aerial vehicles and "collaboration with the respective traitorous governments."

Recent communications from AQAP, including the above, have included specific guidance and targeting, which may well indicate a firm intention to carry out a significant attack or kidnapping in the near term. It is in reaction to this escalation and the agitation among Yemeni tribes, as well as interest in preserving the Maarib oil reserves, that Yemen has decided to tighten security in its most vulnerable region. However, ITRR analysts note that Al-Qaeda has compelling interests - related to the global jihad and the fight against what its sees as "corrupt Arab regimes" - to strike elsewhere in Yemen, should the opportunity present itself.

Additionally, it should be noted that both Al-Qaeda and the Maarib-area tribes have repeatedly used the kidnapping and ransoming of foreigners as an effective negotiating and fund-raising tool. There has also been some cooperation between the two in this regard - and there may be again, especially if the confrontation with Yemen's security forces escalates.

ITRR researchers are continuing to monitor for specific AQAP targeting at Western-oriented educational facilities such as the King Abdullah University of Science and Technology in Saudi Arabia, the American University of Sharjah in the United Arab Emirates, and the American University of Kuwait. Furthermore, AQAP attacks targeting the oil industry in the Arabian Peninsula, if successful on a large scale, would likely disrupt energy supplies to Pennsylvania and elsewhere. ITRR analysts are examining the likelihood, as well as the potential domestic US impact, of any of the aforementioned AQAP operations.

SECTOR-SPECIFIC THREATS, INDICATORS AND/OR WARNINGS

Sectors: BANKING AND FINANCE; COMMERCIAL FACILITIES; EMERGENCY SERVICES; ENERGY; GOVERNMENT FACILITIES; NATIONAL MONUMENTS AND ICONS

2. CrimethInc.'s Anarchist 'Show of Force' in July-August

Anarchist organization CrimethInc. is planning what they have called "a decentralized convergence" to take place in late July and throughout August. The group is encouraging anarchists in North America to take any action they feel will be effective in order to make the anarchist presence felt in their respective local areas.

CrimethInc. is a decentralized, leaderless anarchist movement that promotes both individual acts of "opting out" of conventional society, as well as a host of property crimes, scams and vandalism to undermine any perceived authority. It has been praised by many for spreading the ideas of anarchism, while also fiercely criticized by revolutionary anarchists as merely "a bunch of kids masking up and getting their rocks off by confronting the cops before running off again."

Nonetheless, in their current appeal for a month of decentralized anarchist action, CrimethInc. explains some of their objectives: "To invigorate anarchist infrastructure rather than lean on it. To orchestrate a show of force in solidarity with anti-authoritarians all over the world." In short, "Let the world see that we are everywhere."

In a later update, CrimethInc. announced that "several tours have already signed up as endorsers" of the month of decentralized anarchist action. Such tours use various methods to promote anarchist issues "dealing with state repression and more". One of the tours, The Conspiracy Tour, is described by activists as "a roadshow to remember even before you read about it in your FBI file."

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

The Conspiracy Tour will be running from 25 July through 25 August 2010, with stops throughout the country. Tentative Conspiracy Tour dates and locations in Pennsylvania include:

- **30-31 July 2010 in Pittsburgh**
- **3 August 2010 in Philadelphia**

ITRR researchers are monitoring anarchist communications for further date and location details.

In addition to the known Conspiracy Tour events, ITRR analysts recommend heightened situational awareness throughout the next two months at those sites that have previously been targeted by anarchist activity (such as governmental institutions and icons, law enforcement personnel, banks, and energy and corporate facilities). ITRR analysts believe that the active Northeast Anarchist Network (NEAN) will be stepping up its activities (legal and illegal) in the northeastern United States through August 2010. ITRR researchers are currently monitoring the anarchist networks for additional targeting indicators in Pennsylvania.

Sectors: BANKING AND FINANCE; COMMERCIAL FACILITIES; EMERGENCY SERVICES; GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

3. Ontario Anarchist Extremists and Toronto Arrests

In the past week, there have been worrying indications of a potential escalation in anti-G8-and-G20 activities in Canada. The G8 Summit is slated for 25-26 June 2010 in Huntsville, Ontario, and it is followed immediately by the G20 Summit in Toronto, where security measures have been heavily increased in light of the presence of world leaders and planned anti-globalist protesting.

This past week has seen the following possibly related events:

- Two people were arrested on Wednesday and may be facing property, explosives and weapons charges. The pair, a man and woman, were detained in connection with a G20 security-related investigation, Toronto police said. Other charges briefly noted in the Canadian media included "intimidation of [a] justice system participant".
- A 53-year-old Toronto man was arrested Thursday when police discovered a cache of primitive weapons in his car, which was pulled over on the Esplanade near the G20 Summit site. The weapons included a crossbow, slingshot and axes, as well as unexplained gas containers, a chainsaw and other suspicious items.
- On Saturday, two activists were arrested in London, Ontario, for putting up posters "promoting disruption", according to a police statement. They were calling for people to join G8 and G20 protests this weekend.
- The Southern Ontario Anarchist Resistance (SOAR), meanwhile, has escalated the rhetoric in its communications in recent weeks. Specifically in reaction to the G8-G20 meetings, the group called for "actions that will actually halt this destruction being caused to the earth, and to take a stand to confront the truly violent and destructive behaviours of this society!" In their 24 June 2010 communique, the group claimed to "respect the calls to limit our tactics to so-called non-violent actions" when so requested by "frontline communities"; however, they added, "we hope that these communities also see the value in settlers confronting the colonial system with more militant tactics...."

ITRR analysts note that SOAR has previously called for direct confrontation with "the governments and police forces whose legitimacy is allegedly rooted in our consent, thus making us complicit in their crimes."

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

ITRR analysts note that, as with previous G20 anarchist and anti-globalist protests, social media outlets such as Twitter and Facebook are again the preferred channel for activist real-time intelligence and information sharing.

ITRR expects the protests surrounding the G8-G20 talks to be very vigorous, with a high potential for violent protests and associated vandalism. The level of anarchist logistical, strategic and tactical planning indicates that businesses and other organizations intending to be in Toronto during the G8-G20 talks should prepare for unanticipated modifications to their plans.

The anarchists of Toronto have been following the tested technique of identifying various "causes" in advance of a major disruption effort, ITRR analysts reiterate. This serves to broaden the participation of anarchist affinity groups elsewhere. As first noted in PAIB no. 59, anti-globalist activists are also encouraging activities including "marches, rallies, direct actions in cities across the world."

ITRR researchers are currently monitoring the anarchist networks for related targeting indicators in Pennsylvania (see herein above for potential flashpoints in July and August).

Sectors: GOVERNMENTAL FACILITIES; POSTAL AND SHIPPING

4. Lebanese Activists to Initiate a New Gaza 'Blockade Runner'

A new ship, this one from Lebanon, is apparently going to be launched to attempt to breach Israel's maritime blockade of the Hamas regime in Gaza. Israel has reiterated its commitment to intercept any vessels attempting to violate its sovereignty over its national waters.

The ship, *Julia*, was to embark for Cyprus within hours or days, as of this writing, and from there to Gaza. However, Cyprus has thus far refused to allow the *Julia* into Cypriot waters. Some Lebanese reports have indicated that the ship's captain will therefore officially register Cyprus as his destination but change course in mid-trip and head for Gaza.

The Free Palestine Movement and Reporters without Borders have been credited with organizing the Lebanese blockade-running ship. For his part, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has said that the ship is a joint project of Iran and the Hizbullah terrorist organization, cynically intended to ultimately force Israel to allow weaponry to be delivered to Hamas.

In a previous Gaza aid flotilla, which entered the exclusionary zone last month, nine people were killed aboard one of the ships in violence between activists and the Israel Defense Forces. Those events set off a global wave of anti-Israel protests and other actions.

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

If there will be any sort of violent confrontation between Israeli forces and the Lebanese activists on board the *Julia*, ITRR analysts expect a renewal in coming days of worldwide demonstrations against Israel. Such protests would focus primarily on Israeli embassies and consulates, such as the consulate in Philadelphia. Anti-Israel protests in reaction to the confrontation over the first Gaza flotilla took place in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Reading.

As noted by ITRR analysts in PAIB no. 101, the targeting of Israeli imports to the United States, while still on board Israeli ships, keeps attention focused on what the protesters see as Israeli "piracy" in enforcing its sea blockade of the Gaza Strip. In that spirit, more than 500 anti-Israel protesters picketed at the Port of Oakland in California on Sunday in an effort to prevent or delay an Israeli cargo ship from docking. Such tactics are likely to be emulated in other port cities and in those cities which host companies importing from Israel. In Pennsylvania, this means the Port of Philadelphia and the Port of Chester, which both receive Israeli imports.

More generally, all Israeli-identified assets worldwide are already under increased risk of uncontrolled protests or physical attack. Such assets include high-profile Jewish institutions, synagogues or communal events (including pro-Israel rallies and counter-protests that may be called in reaction to events in the Middle East).

In PAIB no. 93, ITRR noted that jihadist communications have already stepped up discussions of "revenge" targeting of Jews, Israelis and Americans in response to the Gaza maritime blockade. Such incitement and guidance is expected to continue and to become more concrete in coming days, particularly in the event that the latest blockade-running vessel is boarded by the IDF.

ITRR researchers are continuing to monitor jihadist and anarchist communications for indications of lone wolf calls to arms or protest events in Pennsylvania.

5. Mason-Dixon Area Militia Training in July

A multi-state militia is holding its first Annual Patriot Training in Pennsylvania from 16-19 July 2010. ITRR is attempting to find the exact location at this time.

The militia group organizing the training is known as the 2-4 Mid Atlantic Citizen Homeland Security Association (2-4 MACHSA or "Mountain Men"), active along the Mason-Dixon Line of Maryland and Pennsylvania. It is apparently a unified militia which brought together elements of the Maryland-based 3rd SOG Wolfpack and the 1st Pennsylvania Militia.

The session is being promoted as "one of the most intensive, fun and wild weekends you have ever had, and the realisim [*sic*] will be amazing."

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

The relative secrecy about the exact location of the planned training is somewhat unusual, although not unexpected in an organization some of whose members believe America is on the verge of a totalitarian takeover (as noted in PAIB no. 102).

While ITRR is currently attempting to ascertain the precise location of the coming "first annual training", ITRR analysts have identified previous 2-4 MACHSA communications in which reference is made to training in central Pennsylvania for the maximum convenience of the militia members. In addition, the above training session was publicized in forums run by a Westmoreland County-based militia, indicating a possible Pittsburgh Metro Area link.

ITRR analysts note that the convergence of the militia members for the July training weekend carries with it certain risk indicators for law enforcement. The militia members will be carrying firearms as part of their training kit. The orientation of many militia members in internal communications, as noted above, has taken a turn to restlessness at what they perceive as an imminent need to take up arms against federal or foreign soldiers on US soil. It is unknown how many of the 2-4 MACSHA charter members hold this view; however, there are likely to be those

who do. This has the potential to present a risk to officers in the vicinity of the event, as any attempt to enforce the law (even as routine as a traffic stop) may be seen *a priori* as a hostile act, leading to an escalation.

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TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS
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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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