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### ACTIONABLE DATE REMINDERS

- **Current - 28 February 2010:** Black History Month in the United States. ITRR analysts believe there is a potential for protests or more violent reactions from white supremacist groups during this period. (See PAIB no. 39)
- **24-28 February 2010:** Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus comes to the Wachovia Center (3601 S. Broad St., Philadelphia, PA 19148). This large circus has been a frequent target of animal rights protesters.
- **1-14 March 2010:** Anti-Israel activists have declared an International Israeli Apartheid 'Week', to include protests, lectures and "actions". (See "Fourteen Days of an International 'Israeli Apartheid Week'", herein)
- **4 March 2010:** Activists will be conducting a Strike and Day of Action To Defend Public Education. The decision to hold rallies and marches originated in California. However, it has spread across the US as the March 4th National Call for a Day of Action. Communities with active Anarchist groups may also see protests in other areas of the US.
- **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.

- **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 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 producers and nuclear waste transportation companies, face the possibility of eco-activists targeting their facilities. Additional targeting may include the EPA regional office in Philadelphia. (PAIB no. 43)

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

**Sectors:** COMMERCIAL FACILITIES; GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

**1. *Fourteen Days of an International 'Israeli Apartheid Week'***

Anti-Israel activists have declared 1-14 March 2010 as International Israeli Apartheid Week. US-based organizers claim in a recent announcement that last year "more than 40 cities around the world participated in the week's activities.... IAW continues to grow with new cities joining this year."

The anti-Israel groups involved are planning "lectures, films and actions... in the battle to end Israeli Apartheid."

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

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

Communities with significant Anarchist populations should be preparing for protests in the areas of Israeli and US government facilities. ITRR analysts expect protests and marches by anti-Israel, Islamist and far-left activist groups in various population centers worldwide. Additionally, adversarial elements ranging from petty vandals through armed lone-wolf terrorists may be inspired during this period to target Jewish institutions or Israeli assets.

In Pennsylvania, any vigorous protests - possibly including some "direct action"-type illegality - will likely focus on the Israeli consulate in Philadelphia. Potential targets for vandalism or lone-wolf terrorism in the region include any high-profile Jewish institution, synagogue or communal event. In addition, pro-Israeli gatherings or counter-demonstrations may be seen as population targets for attacks by extremist activists or actual terrorist cells.

**SECTORS:** COMMERCIAL FACILITIES; NATIONAL MONUMENTS AND ICONS;  
GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

**2. *'Civil Resistance', Protests and Vigils Against US Wars Overseas***

Several anti-war events are planned for East Coast states in the coming days and weeks, including in the Pennsylvania region. Eight of these events, promoting the view that the US war effort overseas is a "policy of war and occupation", are scheduled to be held after the official toll in US soldiers' lives of the war in Afghanistan reaches 1,000 (current statistics used by the anti-war groups show that 998 soldiers have been killed as of this week).

\* The Coalition for Peace Action (CFPA) is slated to hold a candlelight vigil the day after the 1000th death is announced in Palmer Square in Princeton, New Jersey.

\* The Coalition for Peace and Justice will hold a similar vigil the same day as CFPA in Absecon, New Jersey.

\* The Brandywine Peace Community will hold their own vigil and bell tolling the next working day after the 1000th death is announced. The event is scheduled for 17:00 in front of Philadelphia's City Hall at 15th and Market St.

\* Pennsylvania's Mainline Peace Action and Bryn Mawr Peace Coalition will hold a joint vigil the next working day after the 1000th death is announced. The event is to take place at 17:00 at the corner of Lancaster Ave. and Bryn Mawr Ave., outside the Ludington Library in Bryn Mawr.

\* Candlelight vigils are slated for Media, Pennsylvania, on the day after the 1000th death is announced. The event is to start at 17:00 at Baltimore and Providence Rd. (Route 252).

\* A similar event is slated for the same time and day in Lansdowne, Pennsylvania, at the intersection of Baltimore Pike and Lansdowne Ave.

\* The Bucks and Eastern Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, chapters of the Coalition for Peace Action will hold a vigil at 17:00 on the next working day after the 1000th death is announced. Their event is to be held on the Morrisville, Pennsylvania side of the bridge between Trenton and Morrisville.

\* Pennsylvania's Lehigh Valley Peace Coalition is planning a vigil for 16:00 on the day after the 1000th death is announced. They are slated to gather outside the Pennsylvania National Guard Armory at 15th and Allen St. in Allentown.

\* On 13 March 2010, anti-war and environmentalist groups are coming together to set up a "tent city" (Camp OUT NOW) at the Washington Monument in Washington DC, according to recent activist communications. They are then planning to remain there "until our demands are met." The Camp OUT NOW organizers are calling for US troops to be returned to American soil from Afghanistan and Iraq.

\* As of 22 March 2010, the Camp OUT NOW announcement declares, "acts of civil resistance will begin... and we will end when the troops start to come home." The Camp OUT NOW organizers say they expect each person's "individual commitment" to consist of an act of "civil resistance" "at least once a week", which can include "contributing to the running and infrastructure of our encampment and the care and feeding of activists."

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

**T//W Rating: MODERATE**

According to ITRR analysts, the activists behind Camp OUT NOW have clearly indicated that they intend to present "ransom demands", as it were, for the peaceful relinquishing of illegally occupied property. In addition, their vague call for "acts of civil resistance" should not be dismissed, due to the potential involvement of violent groups and individuals (including Anarchists and eco-terrorists). ITRR analysts note that such acts of "resistance" may be inspired among activists in Pennsylvania, as well. Targets may include federal and state government offices, as well as military facilities and recruitment stations.

As for the memorial vigils listed above, ITRR analysts do not foresee physical confrontations; however, disruptions and obstruction of traffic may ensue in certain intersection protests. It is not known at this time if the various organizations involved have sought police permits for their planned gatherings.

SECTORS: COMMERCIAL FACILITIES; GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

### **3. May to be a 'Month of Anarchy'**

In an announcement issued last week, the Northeast Anarchist Network (NEAN) called upon "anarchists, anti-authoritarians and other comrades to turn this May (2010) into a Month of Anarchy, throughout the Northeast and beyond." To that end, NEAN, representing New England and Mid-Atlantic regions, held a Month of Anarchy Coordinating Committee meeting in Boston on 16 February 2010.

"We aim to fill the entirety of May with great festivals, gift-based markets, meetings, actions, strikes, protests, picnics, performances, acts of solidarity, and other practical demonstrations of a great alternative to authoritarian capitalism: Anarchy!" the organizers say. "We want to reach out to our neighbors across the entire region and show them that anarchy is something entirely different than what they've heard, and something similar to how they may view a better future."

NEAN then calls for "all other like-minded groups and individuals" to assist and to come up with their own May initiatives. They also advocate "warm up events leading up to May to build organizational momentum."

Initial ideas presented by NEAN include:

- \* May Day marches and events.
- \* Skillshares
- \* "Strive to build images and systems of anarchy in our cities and towns...."
- \* "Organize Really Really Free Markets (RRFM)."
- \* "Haymarket events" with propaganda about Anarchist history around 4 May 2010.
- \* "Promote Climate Justice."
- \* "Guerilla Gardening." (When "green" Anarchists attempt to grow plants on a plot of land they do not own, or which is in the public domain.)

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

T/I/W Rating: MODERATE

ITRR analysts note that Anarchist activities worldwide range from the purely legal (soapbox speeches, community organizing, etc.) to the criminal (squatting, graffiti, trespassing, etc.) to outright terrorist (including arson, bombings, etc.). ITRR analysts further believe that 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 following its latest planning activities and through May 2010. In addition, there remains the risk that non-local Anarchist cells will adopt more radical behavior than their local counterparts.

ITRR researchers are currently monitoring the Anarchist networks for targeting indicators in Pennsylvania.

SECTORS: ENERGY; GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

### **4. Protest to Target Philadelphia EPA Offices**

Anti-coal mining activists have decided to target the offices of the Environmental Protection Agency in Philadelphia (1650 Arch St.) with a street protest on 1 March 2010. The initiative comes in support of ongoing anti-coal mining activities in West Virginia (see PAIB nos. 2, 20, 32, 33 and 43 for related items regarding anti-coal mining activism).

The activists note in their announcement of the protest that "mountaintop removal mining doesn't happen here in Philadelphia, or even in Pennsylvania, but the decision to destroy our Appalachian mountains, happens" at the EPA offices in Philadelphia. According to the activists, the regional EPA is currently reviewing 23 mountaintop removal mining permits for West Virginia. "In Pennsylvania, we need to stand with West Virginians. Nearly 500 miles away, we have the opportunity to get the attention of EPA administrators deciding on the mining permits," they declare.

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

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

In PAIB no. 48 and previous editions, ITRR analysts noted that West Virginia anti-coal mining protest actions and training seminars would be likely to inspire similar events in Pennsylvania. While the upcoming EPA anti-mining protest in Philadelphia appears to be planned as a legal and peaceful event, ITRR analysts reiterate that energy firms in Pennsylvania should be made aware of the impending targeting of their facilities by more radical adversarial elements.

Recent training sessions in West Virginia and Virginia have focused on "skills and knowledge" regarding tactics for: "direct action" (which can include vandalism, obstruction of public and private venues, arson, threats of violence, assault, etc.); handling the media; legal support; action planning; and "other skills relevant for... future actions." The next upcoming training and action seminar, called "Mountain Justice Spring Break", is designed for college students and is sponsored by the anti-coal mining organization Mountain Justice. Scheduled to take place in Natural Tunnel State Park in southwest Virginia, on 12-20 March 2010, the event is billed as providing "the skills and knowledge you need to fight back!"

In addition, in PAIB no. 49 ITRR analysts noted that the radical Rainforest Action Network (RAN) has decided to target JP Morgan Chase over its alleged financing of mountaintop removal coal mining. Bank branches in the Pennsylvania region are potential targets of anti-coal mining activist protests, campaigning or more physical "direct action" activities (previous facilities targeted by RAN have been the scene of illegal actions including trespassing, lock-downs and vandalism).

SECTORS: ENERGY; GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

### **5. Anti-Nuclear Weapons Protest 'Field Training' Continues**

On 15 February 2010, up to several hundred activists blockaded the Atomic Weapons Establishment (AWE) at Aldermaston, Berkshire, England. Five people were arrested for illegally entering the facility and 21 others for obstruction of the highway leading to the site. Claims of attendance varied, but activists are believed to have come from England, Scotland, Wales and other countries.

ITRR analysts see the techniques, tactics and timing of the protest as indicative of an intent to severely disable the transportation routes in the region for as long as possible, as well evidence of a coordinated and relatively high level of planning.

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

T/I/W Rating: MODERATE

As noted in PAIB no. 44, anti-nuclear weapons activists are planning and perpetrating "direct actions" as practical field training leading up to an International Day of Action on 3 April 2010. ITRR analysts believe the above-mentioned blockade and infiltration was part of that process, which was explicitly announced after an infiltration of a Belgian nuclear weapons facility by Belgian anti-nuclear activists on 31 January 2010. The Belgian activists said that more such "training" missions are to take place in February and March.

ITRR analysts reiterate that a risk of sympathetic anti-nuclear weapon activities indicates a need for increased security measures around and within Pennsylvania facilities deemed to have any connection with nuclear weapons development, storage or transportation. Although not weapons bases, nuclear facilities such as those of Beaver Valley, Limerick, Peach Bottom and Three Mile Island may also be targeted for protests. Additionally, environmental activists have repeatedly cited Pennsylvania as a leader in nuclear waste production (although the state does not have a disposal site), and nuclear waste through shipments.

In solidarity with the Belgian activists, who are spearheading the April event and pre-event training, Pennsylvania-region anti-nuclear-weapons activists may also hold protests at Belgium's diplomatic offices in Media (140 Lakeside Lane) and in Pittsburgh (700 North Bell Avenue).

Furthermore, ITRR notes that jihadist and other violent terrorist movements are surely paying attention to the level of security (or lack thereof) at the world's military bases, as evidenced during such protest actions.



**SECTORS: ENERGY, TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS**

**6. More Specific Maritime Targeting**

ITRR researchers have identified continued planning for the targeting and disruption of international maritime traffic. The communication is labeled, "Urgent for the jihadists of Somalia and Yemen: A proposal to close Bab Al-Mandab." Bab Al-Mandab is the narrow body of water between between Yemen and Somalia.

The jihadist communication says that the placement of improvised naval mines will cost Western states millions of dollars in direct costs to find and remove (at a cost of only thousands of dollars to place). Indirect losses, the jihadist says, may exceed a "billion dollars" (as a result of diversion of oil tankers and disruption of the main shipping lines in the Red Sea).

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

**T/I/W Rating: SEVERE**

According to ITRR analysis, the intent of the aforementioned maritime terror operation is, among other things, to cause a direct effect on Western-bound shipping in the region. Such an attack strategy, if successful, can be expected to affect energy supplies to the Pennsylvania region, as well.

To assist in the identification of targeting, ITRR is monitoring jihadist communications for attempts to warn off "Islamic civil ships" in targeted maritime areas.

**SECTORS: GOVERNMENT FACILITIES**

**7. Egypt and the Risk to Jewish, Western Assets**

An unidentified man hurled a suitcase containing a makeshift bomb from a hotel at a historical synagogue, Sha'ar HaShamayim, in Cairo on 21 February 2010. The IED was composed of four containers of gasoline attached to glass bottles of sulfuric acid meant to shatter and detonate on impact, according to police sources quoted in the media. However, it apparently failed to operate as planned and caused no damage or injury.

As reported in PAIB no. 31, ITRR researchers had intercepted jihadist communications that appeared to identify a residential building in Egypt in which, jihadists claimed, Jewish people live. At the time, ITRR analysts had correctly identified the probable target as the Sha'ar HaShamayim synagogue in Cairo.

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

**T/I/W Rating: SEVERE**

While ITRR analysts have identified the probable Jewish target described in the above jihadist communication, previous research indicates that the above indicator is just one part of a broader pronounced increase in the risk to Jewish, Israeli and Western personnel and assets in Egypt.

In addition to increasing risk levels for religious minority institutions within Egypt, ITRR analysts reiterate (as per PAIB nos. 20, 23 and 25) that the risk of terror attack in Egypt - especially Cairo and the Sinai Peninsula - remains elevated. Pennsylvania students attending the American



University in Cairo, Egypt (BEG), business travelers and tourists to religious sites should be advised of the current increased danger of terrorist activity. Government offices, major hotels and Sinai resorts are also preferred jihadist targets for VBIED attacks at this time. In addition, there remain increased indicators of jihadist intent to kidnap Westerners in Egypt.

**No actionable intelligence at this time for the following sectors:**

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DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL BASE  
HEALTHCARE AND PUBLIC HEALTH  
BANKING AND FINANCE  
WATER  
CHEMICAL  
CRITICAL MANUFACTURING  
DAMS  
EMERGENCY SERVICES  
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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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