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ONGOING RESEARCH

1. **Multiple High-Profile Pro-Israel Events in April and May**

On 23 May 2010, in **Philadelphia**, the annual Israel Independence Day celebration, which regularly attracts thousands of supporters and anti-Israel protesters, will be held at **Penn's Landing** on the Delaware River Waterfront. 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 the Israeli consulate in Philadelphia, high-profile Jewish institutions, synagogues, communal events and pro-Israel gatherings such as the Penn's Landing Event and small, localized Israel Independence Day events in Pennsylvania. (PAIB No. 70)

2. **Irish Republican Terror Resurgent**

There has been a notable increase in terrorist actions by Irish republican factions since late last year, with republican dissident terror groups such as the **Real IRA** (RIRA) or **Continuity IRA** (CIRA) intensely attempting to revive sectarian violence. Recent attacks and attempted attacks have included *vehicular-borne, improvised, explosive devices* (VBIED) targeting law enforcement and military assets in Northern Ireland. General situational awareness is called for among students and faculty associated with overseas, educational exchange programs in Northern Ireland, such as those of **Millersville University** and the **Pennsylvania College of Technology**. (PAIB nos. 52 and 71)

3. ***Militarized Anti-Government Movement Seeing Increased Activity***

ITRR researchers are monitoring an anti-government, militia umbrella organization, the **Rogue Nation Eternal Militia** (RNEM), also linked with anarchist libertarian elements, that has been promoting armed, dispersed and "leaderless resistance" against what it defines as the "New World Order." Their targets include **FEMA**, the United Nations, **banks**, as well as the **police**, the **military** and other federal agencies. The group appears to have a Pennsylvania chapter. (PAIB Nos. 63, 65, 68 and 73)

4. ***Greek Anarchists Upping the Ante***

The Revolutionary Struggle far-left, terrorist group (several of whose members have recently been arrested) has been involved in bombings, a rocket attack on the US Embassy in Athens, multiple counts of attempted homicide and arms offenses. This activity is part of steadily escalating rioting, arson, vandalism and bombings by far-left groups, anarchists and other anti-authoritarian elements. Students and faculty participating in overseas educational exchange 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. There is also a potential for protests and possible sympathetic violence abroad. (PAIB Nos. 36, 38, 59 and 62)

5. ***Anarchists Gearing-Up for G8/G20: May is 'Month of Anarchy'***

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 and the G8 and G20 meetings slated for April and June 2010. Similarly, the **Northeast Anarchist Network** (NEAN) is stepping up its activities (both legal and illegal) in the northeastern US through May 2010 (billed as a "Month of Anarchy"). ITRR researchers are currently monitoring the anarchist networks for targeting indicators in Pennsylvania. (PAIB Nos. 50, 59 and 73)

6. ***Environmental 'Direct Action' and the Drift Toward Eco-Terror***

Eco-extremist and anti-capitalist communications of 8 January 2010 and thereafter include explicit calls for sabotage of major facilities and murder. In addition, the **Earth First!** movement has also taken a turn to advocating more aggressive civil disobedience and sabotage. Anti-coal mining activists and related organizations have recently been increasing training and actions targeting the coal industry and related facilities. ITRR analysts identified several specific assets and industries that may be targets for eco-activist "direct action," or worse, in Pennsylvania, including branches of financial institutions such as JP Morgan Chase (see "**Day of Action Against JP Morgan Chase**" herein below), Citi Bank, Goldman Sachs and Bank of America. Other companies identified as targets of ecological activists were coal companies involved in open pit or mountain top removal coal mining operations, power companies that burn this coal, the Environmental Protection Agency and the offices of Duke Energy (*none in PA*). (PAIB Nos. 2, 20, 32, 33, 43, 50, 61 and 68)

7. *The 'Anticapitalathon Games'*

The Anticapitalathon Games, organized by an "anarchist collective," are slated for 23-25 April 2010; these coincide with the annual Spring meetings of both the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank (24-25 April 2010) in the Washington, DC. ITRR analysts believe the anarchist organizers appear to be planning mass theft, trespassing, targeted (as well as random) vandalism and general confrontational rioting. On 11 April 2010, at the West Chester University Women's Center, in Pennsylvania, a training seminar was conducted. ITRR analysts are monitoring for ways in which the lessons learned from the training seminar (and the subsequent DC events) will find their way back to future Pennsylvania anarchist activities. (PAIB No. 68)

8. *Jihadists Targeting World Cup 2010 and Other Sports Venues*

Recent jihadist communications include very serious risk indicators regarding the FIFA 2010 World Cup (soccer), to be held in South Africa 11 June - 11 July 2010, including the implication that Al-Qaeda has the capability to deploy some sort of nuclear WMD. Jihadist communications have also provided motivation to target the countries involved in the World Cup. Students, faculty and researchers attending South African educational institutions should be made aware of the specific risks associated with attending World Cup games this year. Participating educational institutions include, but are not limited to:

- **University of Pennsylvania's African Studies Center** (the Fulbright-Hays Intensive Intermediate-Advanced Zulu Group Project Abroad in KwaZulu-Natal)
- **Pennsylvania State University** (the Alliance for Education, Science, Engineering and Development in Africa, in conjunction with the University of Cape Town)

More broadly, recent jihadist communications have focused on tactics and strategies for attacks on sports events, using sports paraphernalia or infiltration of sports stadiums. The explicit reference is to sports venues dove-tailed with previous jihadist tactical communications regarding the use of Western-born terrorists wearing inconspicuous, appropriate clothing. This intelligence takes on added urgency due to ongoing high-profile professional and collegiate sporting events in Pennsylvania. (PAIB Nos. 42, 47, 56 and 72)

SECTOR-SPECIFIC THREATS, INDICATORS AND/OR WARNINGS

Sectors: **BANKING AND FINANCE, COMMERCIAL FACILITIES AND ENERGY**

9. *Yet Another 'Day of Action' Targeting JP Morgan Chase*

The targeting of JP Morgan Chase by environmental activists continues. New communications from the radical **Rainforest Action Network** (RAN) call for "actions on campuses, in the streets and out in front of Chase's branches and offices around the country" on and around 6 May 2010. RAN concludes its call for action saying, "See you in the streets!"

To maximize the potential of the proposed "day of action," RAN has teamed-up with **Coal River Mountain Watch, Climate Ground Zero, Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition, Waterkeeper Alliance, Reverend Billy and the Church of Life After Shopping, United Mountain Defense, Rising Tide North America, Mountain Justice** and other individuals.

These groups and others are opposed to mountaintop removal (MTR) coal mining methods in West Virginia, and elsewhere. These are being funded, in part, by JP Morgan Chase. Specifically named as beneficiaries of Chase investments are Massey Energy and Arch Coal.

***** ANALYSIS *****

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

Anti-coal mining activists and related organizations have recently been increasing training and actions targeting the coal industry and related facilities. Training sessions in West Virginia and Virginia have focused on "skills and knowledge" regarding tactics for "direct action," while the **Earth First!** movement has taken a turn to advocating more aggressive civil disobedience and sabotage. In addition, eco-extremist and anti-capitalist communications of 8 January 2010 and thereafter include explicit calls for sabotage of major facilities and murder.

As cited in PAIB No. 49, the **RAN** group decided to specifically target JP Morgan Chase for its role on MTR coal mining. More generally, ITRR analysts expressed the view (in PAIB No. 48 and previous editions) that West Virginia anti-coal mining protest actions and training seminars would be likely to inspire similar events in Pennsylvania and elsewhere. Calls for assistance in putting pressure on the EPA, for example, have already led to sympathetic protests against the EPA offices in Philadelphia in March 2010. Similarly, **RAN** on 2 April 2010, **RAN** activists participated in a flash-mob "street theater" at JP Morgan Chase's Chicago headquarters.

Branches of financial institutions such as JP Morgan Chase, Citi Bank, Goldman Sachs and Bank of America in the Pennsylvania region are potential targets of anti-coal mining activist protests, campaigning or more radical "direct action" activities. Notably, previous facilities targeted by **RAN** have been the scene of illegal actions including trespassing, lock-downs and vandalism.

Other companies previously identified by ITRR as targets of ecological activists were the coal companies involved in open pit or MTR coal mining, power companies that burn this coal, the Environmental Protection Agency and the offices of Duke Energy.

SECTOR: COMMERCIAL FACILITIES

10. *Protecting a PA Walk for Peace*

On 25 April 2010, the Seventh Annual Interfaith Walk for Peace and Reconciliation, also known as the **Philadelphia** Walk, is slated to occur. The participants will march from Philadelphia's Hickman Temple AME Church at 5001 Baltimore Ave., by way of St. Francis de Sales Parish at 5627 Springfield Ave., to the Calvary Center for Community and Culture at 801 S. 48th St.

A broad coalition of religious organizations is taking part in the event including:

- Al-Aqsa Islamic Society, Arab American CDC
- Bawa Muhaiyaddeen Fellowship
- Chester County Peace Movement
- Church of the Advocate
- Interfaith Center of Greater Philadelphia
- Kol Tzedek
- Lenape Nation
- Mishkan Shalom
- Philadelphia Commission on Human Relations
- representatives of the Philadelphia Sikh community
- Quba Institute
- Soka Gakkai
- West Philadelphia Mennonite Fellowship

Before the Walk, there will be a gathering at the Al Aqsa Islamic Society (1501 Germantown Ave.)

***** ANALYSIS *****

T/I/W Rating: LOW

A unique aspect of this year's Philadelphia Walk is the inclusion of Lenape (Native American) and Hindu participants, representing the first non-monotheist representation in the event. Over 800 people are expected to participate.

ITRR analysts expect the Philadelphia Walk to be a peaceful and legal event, as it has been and as it is currently promoted (although ITRR has no current information regarding necessary police permits). Law enforcement personnel will primarily be called upon to provide crowd control. Nonetheless, a very small possibility exists that more radical adherents of the faith groups taking part may stage counter-protests or may attempt to disrupt the event with an individual initiative. ITRR analysts have not identified any adversarial targeting of this nature.

SECTORS: COMMERCIAL FACILITIES AND GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

11. Update: Anti-Nuclear Activism in Philadelphia

A "Walk for Nuclear Abolition" (see PAIB No. 61) that began 8 April 2010 in Washington DC is currently making its way to New York City ahead of a United Nations session on nuclear non-proliferation (Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty Review, 3-28 May 2010).

Updated information on the Philadelphia-area activities related to the aforementioned caravan to New York include:

- 20-22 April 2010 - "Earth Week" in Philadelphia and New Jersey
- 21 April 2010 - a "Peace Vigil" at the offices of Lockheed Martin, behind the King of Prussia Mall
- 22 April 2010 - a Nuclear Free Earth Day Rally in Independence Mall, Philadelphia
- 22-29 April 2010 - Philadelphia-to-New York City Interfaith Peace Walk for Nuclear Abolition

The Brandywine Peace Community is apparently hosting out-of-state marchers while they are in the Philadelphia.

For the International Day of Action in New York, on 2 May 2010, the Coalition for Peace Action is co-sponsoring a Peace Train to New York City. From Philadelphia, activists will be able to board a Septa train to Trenton, New Jersey, at Market East, Suburban Station and 30th Street Station.

***** ANALYSIS *****

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

ITRR analysts expect the above events to conform to conditions of a legal protest, although ITRR has no current information regarding needed police permits. Law enforcement personnel will primarily be called upon to provide crowd control. Of particular note in this regard is the potential for disruptions surrounding the 2 May 2010 coordinated group train excursion to New Jersey.

As in other protests and events of this nature, there remains a small chance that more radical elements will be inspired to take "direct action," such as civil disobedience.

SECTORS: COMMERCIAL FACILITIES AND GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

12. 'Last-Ditch' Effort to Mark Mumia Abu Jamal's Birthday Week

Supporters of convicted murderer Mumia Abu Jamal are marking April as a period of activism on his behalf. This month was chosen because of Abu Jamal's birthday on 24 April.

The primary action slated by Abu Jamal supporters is a demonstration and "press conference" on 26 April 2010 in front of the Department of Justice in Washington, DC. Other April activities suggested his supporters include sending birthday cards and monetary donations by post to the prison where Abu Jamal is being held (SCI Greene in Waynesburg), pending execution.

Activists call the DC demonstration, and their demand to meet with Justice Department officials, "the second stage" of an ongoing campaign to "free Mumia." In promotional material, the organizers write that the "court system has closed its doors to the possibility of a new trial for Mumia." Therefore, they add, "We must force the Department of Justice to conduct an investigation into the outrageous frame-up of Mumia. This has been a four decades' long history of a conspiracy to silence yet another Black visionary, truth-telling voice, in this case with the ultimate silencing by execution."

***** ANALYSIS *****

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

ITRR analysts note that the supporters of Mumia Abu Jamal lay blame for his imprisonment and pending execution at the feet of both the US government and the Pennsylvania criminal justice system. ITRR analysts suggest that a period of activity on behalf of Abu Jamal, including in Pennsylvania, can be expected for the remainder of this month. As of this writing, there are no indications of planned violence or civil disobedience on his behalf.

In light of the likely rejection of the "Free Mumia" appeal to the heads of the Justice Department, ITRR analysts believe there is a possibility of more radical actions by individual supporters of Abu Jamal. These supporters may come to reject the peaceful means, which they will see as having failed them.

No actionable intelligence at this time for the following sectors:

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CHEMICAL
COMMUNICATIONS
CRITICAL MANUFACTURING
DAMS
DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL BASES
EMERGENCY SERVICES
HEALTHCARE AND PUBLIC HEALTH
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

NATIONAL MONUMENTS AND ICONS
NUCLEAR REACTORS, MATERIALS, AND WASTE
POSTAL AND SHIPPING
TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS
WATER

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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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