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POTENTIALLY-IMPACTED AREAS & SECTORS

Area
Allegheny County
Beaver County
Berks County
Blair County
Bucks County
Chester County
Cumberland County
Erie County
Franklin County
Juniata County
Lancaster County
Lebanon County
Lehigh County
Luzerne County
Mifflin County
Montgomery County
Northampton County

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Perry County Philadelphia Pittsburgh
Sector
Agriculture and Food Banking and Finance Commercial Facilities Critical Manufacturing Education Facilities Government Facilities[1]

ONGOING RESEARCH

1. RAN: Pittsburgh Bank is a 'Black Eye' for Banking Sector

The Rainforest Action Network (RAN) (http://ran.org/) has focused on the Pittsburgh-based PNC banking corporation as a financier of mountaintop removal mining in West Virginia. This follows on the heels of a campaign to target the Swiss banking corporation UBS for the same reason. Facilities targeted by RAN in previous campaigns have been the scene of illegal actions including trespassing, lock-downs and vandalism.

Protests or other actions may target UBS offices in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Bethel Park (Allegheny County), Conshohocken (Montgomery County), Erie (Erie County), Newtown (Bucks County) and Plains (Luzerne County). Any one of the dozens of PNC branches in Pennsylvania (an extensive list can be found here: http://www.usabanklocations.com/Pnc-Bank-Locations#Pennsylvania) may also be targeted. Major PNC regional headquarters and processing facilities include the PNC Bank Center in Philadelphia, the PNC Bank Eastwick Center near the Philadelphia International Airport, and PNC's corporate headquarters at PNC Plaza in Pittsburgh.(PIB nos. 124 and 131)

[1] Educational Facilities Sub-Sector: Security directors, students and faculty of all Pennsylvania-based colleges and universities participating in educational exchange programs abroad need to remain cognizant of emerging, country-specific threats, indicators and warnings.

2. Imminent Targeting of Christians in Egypt

In an ongoing series of inciting communications intercepted by ITRR researchers, jihadists accuse Christians in Egypt of coercive conversions and threaten imminent terror attacks against them. Two cities singled out in the jihadist communications as targets for possible church attacks are Alexandria, where Indiana University of Pennsylvania has an exchange program, and Cairo, where University of Pittsburgh has a program through the American University there. (PIB nos. 120, 128, 129 and herein below)

3. 'Radical' Cop-Watch Group Established in Philadelphia

Up Against the Law, self-defined as "a new radical police monitoring group," held its first public event on 26 August 2010 at the anarchist-affiliated Wooden Shoe Books "infoshop" in Philadelphia (704 South St.). The "discussion" - entitled, "The Streets Are Watching: How To Monitor Police In Your Community" - was intended "to encourage people to monitor the police in their neighborhoods while providing a radical analysis of crime reduction.... There was a group discussion about the police and their methods of enforcement, both in Philadelphia and nationwide. U.A.L. explained how to conduct copwatch patrols, while examining our general strategy and the specific tactics we use." ITRR is monitoring anarchist and related communications for further indications of targeting, strategies and methods to be adopted by Up Against the Law.

4. Computer Virus Targeting Critical Infrastructure Assets

ITRR researchers are tracking the sophisticated new Stuxnet virus, which targets supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) systems, specifically those of critical infrastructure facilities. Of regional note is that Siemens Water Technologies Corporation (SWTC), targeted by the Stuxnet worm, is headquartered in Warrendale (Allegheny County). The company has facilities in Darlington (Beaver County) and Chalfont (Bucks County), as well. See PIB no. 128 for a list of SWTC customers in Pennsylvania. (PIB no. 128)

5. Plowshares Eight Anniversary Event in King of Prussia

Anti-war and anti-nuclear activists will be marking the thirtieth anniversary of the first direct action of the Plowshares Movement. The Brandywine Peace Community and the Atlantic Life Community, along with others, will hold protest actions at Lockheed Martin facilities in King of Prussia (Montgomery County) on 5 September 2010.

As the anniversary of the Plowshares Eight "direct disarmament action" in King of Prussia approaches, there is an increased risk of escalation in anti-nuclear and anti-war activism by other militant groups in Pennsylvania. Such individuals or small cells may decide to take "direct action," such as civil disobedience, against Lockheed Martin, nuclear facilities or military assets.

Other private organizations or companies in Pennsylvania dubbed "war profiteers" by anti-war activists include: Bechtel Corporation in Bethlehem (Lehigh and Northampton Counties) and Pittsburgh; the Washington Group International in

Mechanicsburg (Cumberland County) and Philadelphia; the Nuclear Utility Services Laboratory in Pittsburgh; and Fluor Daniel GTI in West Chester (Chester County). (PIB no. 127)

6. Direct Action Focusing on 'Factory Farms'

Several anti-authoritarian, anti-globalization and environmental groups have taken part in "direct action and civil disobedience training" in Brooklyn, New York. The training apparently focused on "industrial agriculture" and "multi-national agribusiness." Pennsylvania is home to many such "factory farms." Counties with a high concentration of these farms include Lancaster, Chester, Lebanon, Blair, Mifflin, Juniata, Perry, Franklin and Berks counties (a 2003 breakdown of such farms: http://www.pennfuture.org/UserFiles/PDFs/factoryfarmreport_101003.pdf). (PIB no. 126)

SECTOR-SPECIFIC THREATS, INDICATORS AND/OR WARNINGS

Sectors: GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

7. Potential Protest Action Targeting Gov. Rendell's Home

Recent statements by Pennsylvania Governor Ed Rendell have indicated his support for the imposition of a severance tax on drilling companies in the state. Anti-drilling activists expressed frustration that such a tax, without a moratorium on new drilling, was merely a way for the state to benefit from what they see as highly destructive exploitation.

In communication forums used by anti-drilling activists, one person commented (*spelling and grammar as in the original - ITRR*), "Rendell decided sacrificing indiviudal PA citizens water and health is absolutely worth the economic boom(whose profit?how many of his inner circle work for Oil and Gas now, wonder if he will once his term is up)..... I think we should line his Germantown [Philadelphia County] PA home street with jugs of well water contaminated by natural gas drilling..... He lives in the Delaware Watershed mind you NOT the Susquehanna....."

Responses included comments that "it's a great idea," and offers to help carry out the project.

In the same venue, reporting on an encounter with the governor at a meeting on gas drilling in Wellsboro (Tioga County) on 27 August 2010, one anti-drilling activist commented, "[Gov. Rendell] said a moratorium wasn't going to happen."

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

The above-mentioned protest action is in line with a relative escalation in rhetoric among anti-drilling activists previously noted by ITRR analysts. Recent communications have included a discussion of the advisability of "civil disobedience" and similar direct action to stop the drilling companies, as well as the request for

information useful for "the activists." (See PIB nos. 125, 126 and 127 for more on this issue.)

ITRR analysts note the additional significance of directing action at a public official's personal residence. It indicates a new level of aggressiveness in terms of targeting, if not yet in terms of tactics. Along with the wider publication of Governor Rendell's home address among anti-drilling activists, according to ITRR analysts, comes an increased risk of ideologically motivated vandalism at the residence, as well.

In the event that the protest action is taken, it may involve activists remaining on hand to deliver speeches drawing attention to their cause, or possible acts of civil disobedience. Law enforcement personnel should be advised of the crowd control issues associated with the various possible scenarios associated with the above-mentioned protest action.

Sectors: GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

8. Greek Anarchists Planning a 'Festival', March and Rally

Anarchists in Greece are planning what they are calling a "Festival of Direct Democracy" on 8-10 September 2010. The three-day event is to take place in Thessaloniki.

The festival, which appears to be primarily a series of lectures (concluding with the topic, "Direct Democracy and Social Overthrow"), is to be followed by a march and rally. Anarchists and other anti-authoritarians will be converging on Sintrivani Square on 11 September 2010.

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

In PIB nos. 59 and 62, ITRR analysts identified the likelihood of escalating action by anarchist elements in Greece. In the past several months, attacks by what appears to be anarchist and anti-authoritarian elements have increased and escalated to include vandalism, arson and bombings (see PIB nos. 62 and 86, for example). While Greek anarchist violence has focused primarily, although not exclusively, on law enforcement and multinational business interests, bystander civilians have also been harmed and killed in past attacks.

ITRR analysts have identified the organizers of the Direct Democracy Festival and the subsequent march as ideologically committed to violence as a means to unravel existing societies. Due to the nature of the Greek anarchist and anti-authoritarian movements, as well as recent events, TAMC analysts believe there is a significant likelihood of violent unrest during the above-mentioned march and rally.

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.

As noted in previous PIB editions, widespread Greek anarchist rioting and attacks have gained admiration among anarchists worldwide. The Boston Anti-Authoritarian Movement, for example (see PIB no. 73), held events this year in support of what has become known as "the Greek Insurrection."

Any disorders in support of Greek anarchists 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 those offices. ITRR researchers are currently monitoring the anarchist networks for more localized Pennsylvania targeting indicators.

Sectors: GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

9. Jihadist Call for Attacks on Tourists in Sinai

In continuation of jihadist communications threatening imminent attacks on Christian targets in Egypt, a new "emergency call" has been issued for attacks on tourists in the Sinai Peninsula.

ITRR researchers have intercepted a new jihadist communication in which the "lions of Islam, the home defenders" in the Sinai region are called upon to "kidnap tourists and to kidnap Christians, to kill them or [hold them hostage]. Set fire to the ground beneath them. Destroy their clerics and break the cross."

The residents of Sinai, according to the communication, "will not let us down. ...There is no solution for the Islamic nation in Egypt except you. You know what is happening to our sisters in Egypt at the hands of the Christians, who kidnap, torture and capture them...."

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

ITRR analysts note that, historically, Israelis have vacationed at Sinai resorts during the Jewish holiday season (which this year begins next week and runs through October). This vacation pattern may encourage an act of terrorism in the Sinai against a historically target-rich environment in the coming weeks. Past terrorist attacks targeting civilians in Egypt have included strikes against hotels and other venues frequented by Westerners, in the Sinai Peninsula and elsewhere.

The above communication, coupled with previous incitement-filled communications (see PIB no. 128 for a recent example), is a continuing indicator of a clear jihadist intent to conduct operations in Egypt. Jihadists have frequently sought to embarrass the Egyptian government through terror activity. In the Islamist view, the targeting of tourists would succeed in accomplishing that goal.

ITRR analysts recommend that Pennsylvania students, researchers and faculty at the many overseas programs in Israel (such as those of Temple University, Drexel University, University of Pennsylvania, and various Jewish and Christian religious seminaries), as well as business travelers, avoid trips to the Sinai at the current time. ITRR further recommends adhering carefully to any travel advisories issued by Israeli officials.

Regarding Egypt, ITRR reiterates that two cities singled out in previous jihadist communications as targets for possible attack are Alexandria, where Indiana University of Pennsylvania has an exchange program, and Cairo, where University of Pittsburgh has a program through the American University there. Pennsylvania students, business travelers and tourists should be advised of the current increased danger of terrorist activity at religious sites, as well as in the Sinai Peninsula, as noted above.

Sectors: COMMERCIAL FACILITIES; GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

10. Preparing for Quds Day 2010

Quds Day, marked by some Muslims and others, is the last Friday of the Muslim month of Ramadan, which falls this year on 3 September 2010. Initiated in the early days of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Quds Day was designed to focus anti-Israel sentiment into rallies, lectures and other public events.

The influence of Quds Day has since spread beyond Iran to the rest of the Muslim world and beyond, transforming into International Quds Day. Self-declared anti-Zionists, anarchists and other extremist groups in the East and the West have periodically marked Quds Day, alongside Muslims, in some fashion. Primarily, it has been characterized by large anti-Israel rallies and protests on or around the designated date.

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

Members of Islamic, anarchist and other anti-Zionist groups in Pennsylvania may take some action in solidarity with International Quds Day. Vigorous protests - possibly including some form of direct action-type illegality - may focus on the Israeli consulate in Philadelphia. Other potential targets for protests, vandalism or lone-wolf terrorism in the region include any high-profile Jewish institution, synagogue or Jewish communal event. In addition, pro-Israeli gatherings or counter-demonstrations may be seen as population targets for attacks by extremist activists or full-fledged terrorist cells.

As of this writing, ITRR researchers have not identified planned protests or other public events specifically related to International Quds Day. However, in the event that such rallies do take place, law enforcement personnel will be called upon to carry out duties of crowd control at the targeted assets, as well as monitoring and isolating individuals intent on perpetrating more militant protest actions. Personnel

with assets in proximity to Israeli or Jewish assets should be prepared to respond to collateral damage as a result of acts of violence aimed at Israeli assets.

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- Energy
- Healthcare and Public Health
- Hotel and Lodging

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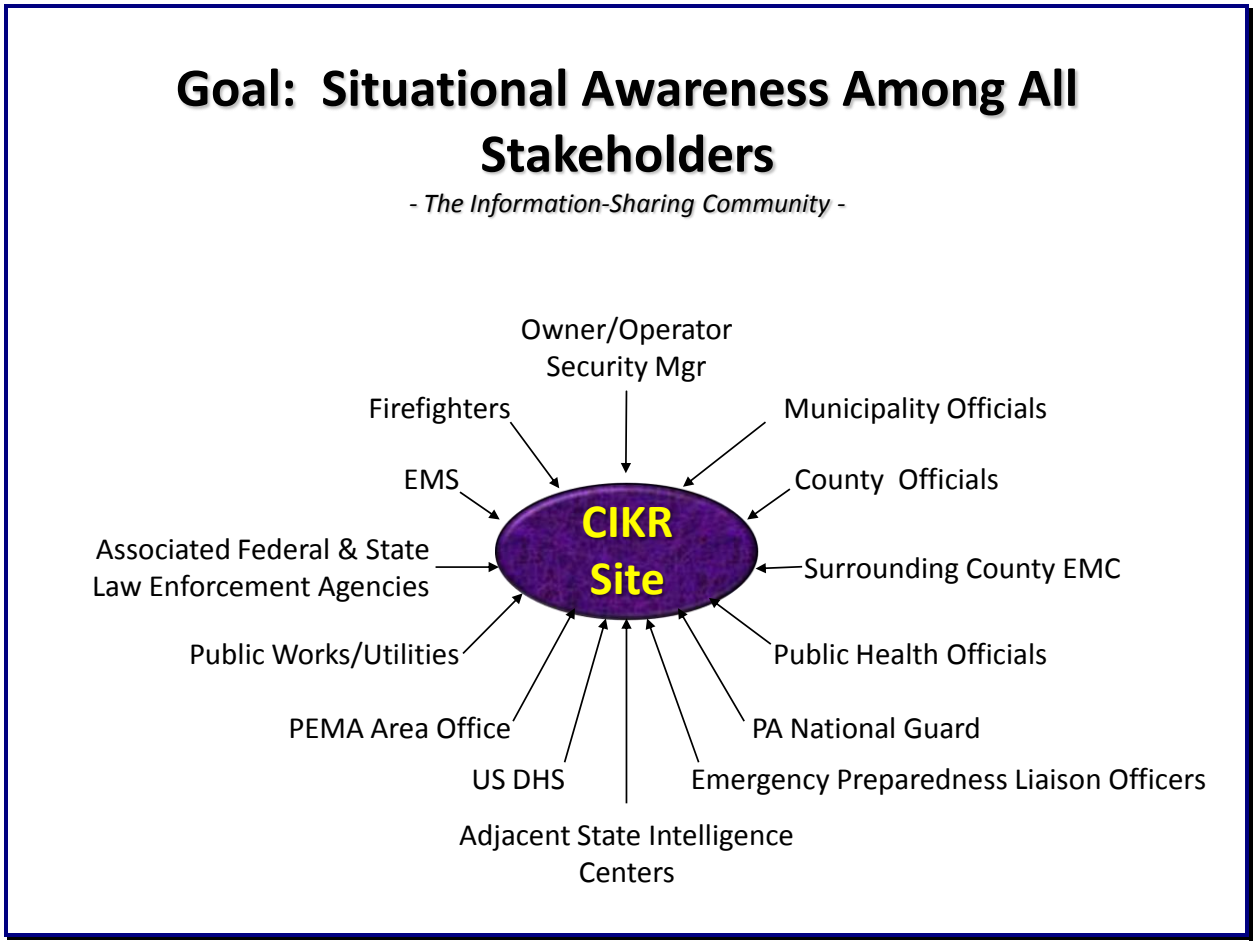

THREAT / INDICATOR / WARNING RATING	*DESCRIPTION*
LOW (Level 4)	Available intelligence and recent events indicate that hostile elements currently have little intent or capability to take action against the target. Although it cannot be ruled out, an attack is unlikely based on currently available intelligence.
MODERATE (Level 3)	Available intelligence and recent events indicate that hostile elements currently have the intent and capability to take action against the target. An attack is likely to be a priority and might well be executed.
SEVERE (Level 2)	Available intelligence and recent events indicate that hostile elements currently have the intent and capability to take action against the target. Additional information is also available on the nature of the threat. An attack on the target is a priority and is likely.
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