

PENNSYLVANIA INTELLIGENCE BULLETIN No. 135

8 September 2010

The Pennsylvania Office of Homeland Security produces this informational/intelligence bulletin specifically for all potentially-affected stakeholders – whether public or private sector, federal or Commonwealth of Pennsylvania-based Critical Infrastructures, Key Resources and Significant Special Events. Consider the information & intelligence contained herein in context with other known information, indicators, threats and warnings.

Successful intelligence analysis and sharing programs are not the result of top-down processes but rather the collective efforts of all stakeholders concerned. The Pennsylvania Office of Homeland Security urges all recipients – whether public or private sector - to provide information that might assist in the process to paintel@itrrintel.org.

POTENTIALLY-IMPACTED MUNICIPALITIES & SECTORS

Municipality
Berks County
Bethel Park (Allegheny County)
Blair County
Chester County
Conshohocken Borough (Montgomery County)
Darlington Township (Beaver County)
Erie (Erie County)
Franklin County
Harrisburg (Dauphin County)
Juniata County
Lancaster County
Lebanon County
Mifflin County
Newtown Borough (Bucks County)
Perry County
Philadelphia
Pittsburgh (Allegheny County)
Plains Township (Luzerne County)
York (York County)

Pursuant to the USA PATRIOT Act of 2001, Homeland Security Act of 2002, Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007 and the National Infrastructure Protection Plan of 2009, critical infrastructure is defined as “systems and assets, whether physical or virtual, so vital to the United States that the incapacity or destruction of such systems and assets would have a debilitating impact on security, national economic security, national public health or safety, or any combination of those matters.” Pennsylvania applies the same logic and intent to define Commonwealth, county & municipality critical infrastructures and key resources.

Sector
Agriculture and Food
Banking and Finance
Commercial Facilities
Commercial Nuclear Reactors, Materials & Waste
Emergency Services
Energy
Government Facilities ¹
Information Technology

EMERGING NATIONWIDE ENERGY SECTOR CONCERN

As part of the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) mission to protect the nation's critical energy sector pipeline systems that are prime targets of terrorists such as **AL QA'IDA** and its associated movements, the Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) Pipeline Security Division (PSD) has been tasked to assess the risk and prioritize efforts to help strengthen pipeline security across the US. But while PSA has identified the 100 most critical pipeline systems and developed a pipeline risk assessment model based on threat, vulnerability and consequence, it nevertheless "could improve the model's consequence component and better prioritize its [security risk assessment] efforts," the Government Accountability Office (GAO) concluded in the report of its recent audit of PSD's pipeline infrastructure security efforts. In "Pipeline Security: TSA Has Taken Actions to Help Strengthen Security, but Could Improve Priority-Setting and Assessment Processes," GAO said that "the consequence component takes into account the economic impact of a possible pipeline attack, but not other possible impacts such as public health and safety, as called for in [DHS's] risk management guidance. TSA/PSD plans to improve its model by adding more vulnerability and consequence data, but has no time frames for doing so." GAO reviewed PSD's risk assessment process and performance measures and observed 14 PSD reviews and inspections. The government watchdog agency recommended that TSA, among other things, establish time frames for improving risk model data, document its method for scheduling reviews and develop a plan for transmitting recommendations to operators.²

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 Source: <http://www.hstoday.us/content/view/14575/149/>

CONTINUING STRATEGIC RESEARCH

1. **Jihadists' Ongoing Messages to 'Crusader Spain'**

Several new jihadist communications, issued in rapid succession, provide motivation and guidance for attacks on Spain and Spanish assets. Several cities in Spain are singled out as targets for attack, especially those identified as locations with nuclear facilities. These plants are located in:

- Almaraz
- Asco
- Cofrentes
- Jose Cabrera (Zorita)
- Santa Maria de Garona
- Trillo
- Vandellos

Pennsylvania-based students and faculty participating in educational exchange programs in Spain should be notified of the potential for increased risk of jihadist attack in proximity to these locations. (PIB No. 133 and herein)

2. **Protest Actions Targeting Governor Rendell**

Pennsylvania Governor Ed Rendell has been singled out by anti-gas-drilling activists for protest actions. In communication forums used by such activists, there have been calls to protest at several of the governor's public speaking engagements, as well as at his home. Directing action at a public official's state and personal residence (Harrisburg & Philadelphia) indicates a new level of aggressiveness and an increased risk of ideologically motivated vandalism. (PIB Nos. 132, 133 & 134)

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

The **RAINFOREST ACTION NETWORK (RAN)** has focused on the Pittsburgh-based PNC banking corporation as a financier of mountaintop coal removal mining in West Virginia.³ This follows on the heels of a campaign to target the Swiss banking corporation UBS AG 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 AG offices in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Bethel Park (Allegheny County), Conshohocken Borough (Montgomery County), Erie (Erie County), Newtown Borough (Bucks County) and Plains Township (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 & 131)

³ <http://ran.org/>

4. *Imminent Targeting of Christians in Egypt*

In an ongoing series of inciting communications, 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 the **University of Pittsburgh** has a program through the American University there. (PIB Nos. 120, 128, 129 & 132)

5. *'Radical' Cop-Watch Group Established in Philadelphia*

Up Against the Law, self-defined as "a new radical police monitoring group," is encouraging Philadelphians to "monitor the police in their neighborhoods ... conduct copwatch patrols," etc.⁴ Researchers continue to monitor anarchist and related communications for further indications of targeting, strategies and methods to be adopted by Up Against the Law sympathizers.

6. *Computer Virus Targeting Critical Infrastructure Assets*

Researchers continue to track the sophisticated new Stuxnet virus, which targets supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) systems, specifically those of critical infrastructure facilities.⁵ Of regional note is that Siemens Water Technologies Corporation (SWTC), targeted by the Stuxnet worm, is headquartered in the Pittsburgh suburb of Warrendale (Allegheny County). The company has facilities in **Darlington Township** (Beaver County) and **Chalfont Borough** (Bucks County), as well. See PIB No. 128 for a list of SWTC customers in Pennsylvania. (PIB No. 128)

7. *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."

Pennsylvania counties having a high concentration of these farms include:

- Lancaster
- Chester
- Lebanon
- Blair
- Mifflin
- Juniata
- Perry
- Franklin
- Berks

For a 2003 overview, see

http://www.pennfuture.org/UserFiles/PDFs/factoryfarmreport_101003.pdf). (PIB No. 126)

⁴ <http://upagainstthelaw.blogspot.com/>

⁵ <http://www.precisecurity.com/threats/worms/w32-stuxnet/>

8. *The Drums of War Are Ringing: Spain and France Targets for terror operations.*

Arabic researchers have identified additional jihadist communications titled "The Drums of War Are Ringing," detailing the need to target Spain and France for terror operations.

The latest internal jihadist communications, referring to France, states that "the minister of foreign affairs met with his Spanish counterpart and have declared a war on the Islam."

Recent jihadist communications have included this phrasing: "The slaves of the cross and the Jews that are behind them think that the time of the Islamic nation is over and that the Islam is outdated and that is making them happy. We see the last moves of France and Spain and the Jewish Sarkozy against the Muslims in France that established associations against our families there, and their intention to carry out ... what they call the attack of the Islam ... do whatever you can to defend your land. The enemies of the religion gathered together and will roam your streets and the reception you have prepared for them, bombs that will tear their bodies.

Readers are reminded of the increased threat against French interests as a result of recent legislation banning face Muslim face coverings in France. On 27 July 2010 another Alert detailed jihadist anger at the failed rescue attempt by French and Mauritanian forces in Mauritania.

In the past weeks, analysts have identified the targeting of specific Spanish cities and assets.

Conclusion:

Analysts note that there is increased potential for terror activity aimed at the French homeland and French interests and the Spanish homeland and Spanish interests, particularly in predominantly Muslim countries. Organizations with facilities in close proximity to Spanish or French-identified facilities should prepare for incidental damage as a result of disorders, arson and other terrorist activity.

Security personnel, especially of Spanish or French-identified organizations, responsible for the safety of their personnel in North Africa should immediately increase anti-kidnapping procedures. The high risk of terror activity aimed at the Mauritanian government continues.

Potential Impact on Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania-based university programs in France include those of **Clarion University**, **East Stroudsburg**, **Indiana University of Pennsylvania** (in Nancy), **Mansfield University** and **Westminster College**, as well as third-party programs attended by **Indiana University of Pennsylvania** students such as those of the American InterContinental University in London and Paris, and of the Cultural Experiences Abroad organization in France.

Students and faculty at Spanish educational facilities through exchange programs such as the **University of Pennsylvania's** Penn-in-Alicante program, its School of Dental Medicine's program in Madrid, and the **University of Pittsburgh's** summer and business school programs should be made aware of the potential for increased risk of jihadist attack in Spain.

SECTOR-SPECIFIC THREATS, INDICATORS AND/OR WARNINGS

Commercial Facilities

9. **Protest Against Arizona Diamondbacks in Pittsburgh**

Opponents of the controversial Arizona immigration legislation SB 1070 are planning to hold a protest against the upcoming baseball game between the Pittsburgh Pirates and the Arizona Diamondbacks. The protesters are planning to gather at or near Pittsburgh's Roberto Clemente (Sixth Street) Bridge on 17-19 September 2010, the dates the Diamondbacks are scheduled to play in PNC Park.

According to organizers of the "Rally Against Racism," "SB1070 was over the top for American baseball played by Hispanic athletes of color."

The protest is sponsored by the Pittsburgh Anti Sweatshop Community Alliance⁶ and Industrial Workers of the World.⁷ For more information, supporters were encouraged to visit the *Move the Game* website.⁸

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

Analysts see no current indications of expected unruly or illegal behavior at the above-mentioned Roberto Clemente Bridge protest. Law enforcement responsibilities at the event will most likely be limited to crowd and traffic control, as necessary. In addition, counter-protests by supporters of the Arizona legislation may precipitate confrontations between opposing protesters requiring intervention.

The *Move the Game* movement has announced its decision "to take our campaign inside the stadiums." According to the activists behind *Move the Game*, "Everywhere the Diamondbacks play, protesters are running on the field and unfurling banners telling Bud Selig to Move the 2011 All-Star Game from Arizona." A similar attempt to disrupt the game may also be made in Pittsburgh.

More generally, other protest actions against SB 1070 have included highway blockades and vigorous protests that led to many arrests. Anarchists have called

⁶ http://www.sweatfree.org/baseball_proposedpirates

⁷ <http://www.iww.org/>

⁸ <http://movethegame.org/>

for "direct actions in our local communities" in response to the new law. Opponents of the law in Pennsylvania may target visiting Arizona VIP, delegations or Arizona-related events with protests or "direct action" in the coming weeks and months (See PIB Nos. 98, 102, 106 & 119 for additional information).

Researchers are not aware if the activists have obtained the necessary police permits for this protest.

GOVERNMENT FACILITIES **COMMERCIAL NUCLEAR REACTORS, MATERIALS AND WASTE**

10. Jihadist Targeting of Nuclear Energy Infrastructure

Recently-intercepted jihadist communications include an explicit call to target nuclear power plants in Spain.

The communications includes pictures of the named facilities and provide tactical guidance for an attack from North Africa. One jihadist points out that "a team of jihad fighters" can reach Spain by speedboat, since "it is only 15 kilometers between us and Spain."

At one point, the communication includes the question: "Will the assistance for this come from within Spain or another of the neighboring countries?"

The nuclear facilities specifically identified in the targeting guidance communications include: Almaraz, Santa Maria de Garona, Asco, José Cabrera, Cofrentes, Trillo and Vandellos.

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

Spain

Analysts note that the above guidance promoting a terrorist attack against Spanish interests is one of many similar recent communications. As noted in PIB No. 133, for example, another recent jihadist communication threatens, "We tell the Spanish people: get ready to get what you decided and voted for I am sure that Madrid, Barcelona, Malaga and Saragossa will become famous and important in worldwide papers and satellite channels."

In May 2010 (PIB No. 91) **AL-QA'IDA IN THE LANDS OF THE ISLAMIC MAGHREB (AQIM)** named France, Spain and Mauritania as urgent current targets for attack. Additional, current risk factors include the ban on full-face Islamic veil in public buildings and indoor markets enacted in several Spanish municipalities (PIB No. 100).

In addition to the Spanish mainland, there are increased risk indicators pointing toward a possible attack on Western interests in Algeria and Morocco. The Spanish municipalities of Ceuta and Melilla, in Morocco, have been singled out by jihadists as high-profile targets.

Analysts see a current increase in the risk of lone-wolf, self-starting cells or organized global jihadists targeting Spanish assets worldwide. Attacks would likely focus on high-visibility targets. The mentioned use of a speedboat, which denotes recognition that a Mumbai-style attack on one of Spain's many coastal cities, is possible.

Pennsylvania-based students and faculty participating in educational exchange programs at Spanish educational facilities such as the **University of Pennsylvania's** Penn-in-Alicante program, its School of Dental Medicine's program in Madrid, and the **University of Pittsburgh's** summer and business school programs should be made aware of the potential for increased risk of jihadist attack in Spain. Pennsylvanians in Spain are advised to monitor the local media for further developments and situational awareness regarding the controversial veil ban.

Nuclear Infrastructure

International jihadists have previously focused on nuclear power facilities as desirable high-profile targets. As cited in PIB No. 30, in 2009 five Muslim US citizens of various ethnic backgrounds are suspected of plotting attacks in Pakistan and Afghanistan; targets included nuclear power facilities. In 2007, jihadists claimed to have carried out a successful attack on the Pelindaba nuclear facility in South Africa.⁹

In a different type of incident (PAIB No. 16), dozens of employees at a nuclear plant in India were apparently deliberately poisoned with tritium in their drinking water. The sabotage was blamed on disgruntled employees; however, the possibility of a far worse scenario involving radicalized jihadist employees at a Pennsylvania nuclear plant should not be ruled out.

While American commercial nuclear facilities are considered hardened targets, the above call for attacks on Western nuclear power plants reinforces the need for a continued high level of security at such facilities. In Pennsylvania, all nuclear facilities should be considered potential targets for jihadist attacks.

Terrorists seeking to cause maximum devastation or major psychological impact place such facilities at or near the top of their "high-profile targets" list. Even an unsuccessful attempt at attacking an American nuclear power plant would likely succeed in causing sufficient fear to disrupt the power industry.

⁹ <http://www.globalsecurity.org/wmd/world/rsa/pelindaba.htm>

Energy

11. *Jihadist Targeting of Electricity Infrastructure*

A newly-intercepted, jihadist communication includes a call to attack electricity generators providing power to the Green Zone in Baghdad, Iraq.

Citing the crippling effects of a successful attack against electrical generation facilities, the communication says it can "paralyze their movement and stop their communications and hinder their fight against Islam. I don't think that you need martyrdom to target those generators. You just need a strong explosive device."

Recognizing the tactical and strategic importance of such an attack, the communication states, "Targeting those generators will [enab

Additional guidance provided in the communication is specific to the insurgency in Iraq.

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

Analysts note that tactics, techniques and procedures and targeting guidance are shared widely among branches of the global jihad. The targeting guidance provided in the above-mentioned communication may be adapted for any country in which jihadists seek to launch attacks. Although no indications have been derived, security specialists associated with electrical generation and distribution facilities in Pennsylvania should continually review/amend protective plans/protocols while increasing situational awareness around their sites.

Commercial Facilities

12. *Internecline Muslim Conflict Reaches into the West*

Islamists in the British city of Surrey have issued printed threats and incitement against members of the heterodox *Ahmadiyya* sect of Islam.

According to local media, Urdu-language leaflets have been distributed declaring that the "doors to heaven will be open" to anyone who murders an *Ahmadiyya* Muslim. Police opened an investigation into the phenomenon in August 2010.

A large *Ahmadiyya* community and mosque is located in Surrey.

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

Many British Muslims speak Urdu and hail from Pakistan, where *Ahmadiyyas* have been attacked by suicide bombers in their mosques and otherwise persecuted. The Urdu-language call to murder members of the *Ahmadiyya* sect in the United Kingdom is an attempt to import the violent Pakistani internal jihad against heterodoxy into the West.

While the US has a more diverse and dispersed Muslim community than the UK, the ongoing cross-pollination among jihadists may lead to hostile acts focused on local branches of the *Ahmadiyya* sect. In Pennsylvania, identifiable *Ahmadiyya* facilities include:

- The *Noor* Mosque, 334 S. George Street, in York (York County).
- The *Nasir* Mosque, 5120 N. 10th St., in Philadelphia, which belongs to the *Ahmadiyya* Movement In Islam, Inc.
- The *Nur* Mosque, 2522 Webster Ave., and Mission House in Pittsburgh

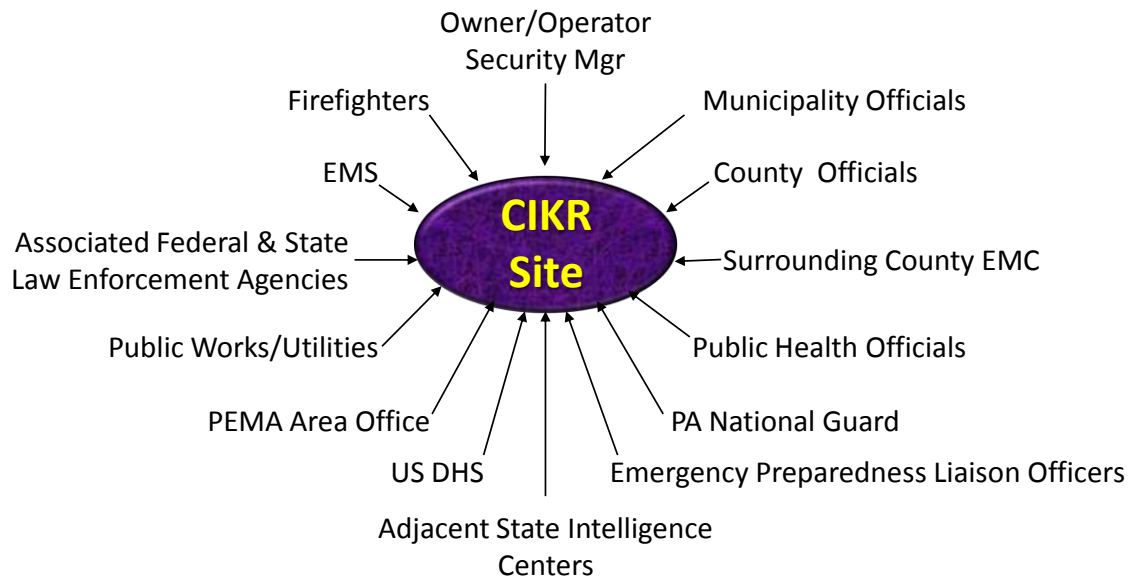
There are no emerging Indicators, Threats and/or Warnings at this time for the following sectors:

CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES
COMMERCIAL NUCLEAR REACTORS, MATERIALS & WASTE
GOVERNMENT FACILITIES¹⁰
NATIONAL MONUMENTS AND ICONS

¹⁰ 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.

Goal: Situational Awareness Among All Stakeholders

- The Information-Sharing Community -



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.
CRITICAL (Level 1)	Available intelligence and recent events indicate that hostile elements not only have the intent and capability, but also are actively planning to take action against the target within a matter of days (up to two weeks). An attack or action is imminent.

Source Summary Statement



The Institute of Terrorism Research and Response (ITRR) produces this document specifically for the Pennsylvania Office of Homeland Security in support of National Priority #3: Implement the National Infrastructure Protection Plan (NIPP) and all public and private sector, critical infrastructure protection-related initiatives and strategies.

The ITRR, a commercial information research and analysis organization, uses open-source, human and closed-source intelligence resources to derive patterns, trends, indicators, assessments and time-sensitive products. The ITRR used only native-tongue researchers (English, Hebrew, French, Arabic and Spanish) in the collection, interpretation, translation, analysis and production of this product. The analysis is performed by former law enforcement officials, counter-terrorism experts and military intelligence personnel.

This document is provided to organizations/stakeholders associated with the security of Pennsylvania critical infrastructures, key resources and significant special events. It is not to be distributed beyond those Pennsylvania stakeholders without the express permission of the Pennsylvania Office of Homeland Security.

The quality of the information provided relies on two-way communications. We invite you to advise the Pennsylvania Office of Homeland Security when the information in this bulletin is helpful and, more importantly, when incidents happen in your municipality or sector that draw a parallel with the intelligence reported herein.

