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**TEXAS MILITARY FORCES  
J3 - PROTECTION BRANCH  
FORCE PROTECTION ALERT**



**SPECIAL THREAT ADVISORY - 20130719**

**Subject: Possible Terrorist Threat to Venues in Austin, TX in August**

1. Unconfirmed reporting from the Department of Homeland Security has raised the possibility of random terrorist attacks taking place in Austin, TX on or about 8-9 August. According to anonymous reporting, a group of trained terrorists are planning to conduct attacks in Austin, Texas and Pasadena, California at the conclusion of the Ramadan period. The Ramadan period lasts from 9 July to 8 August. According to reporting, the Austin group plans to plant back-pack style bombs on 6<sup>th</sup> Street on either 8 or 9 August. Additionally, the group plans to attack a school and theological seminary in the downtown Austin area and complete the attack with operations at the Austin-Bergstrom International Airport. The reporting also stated that if 8-9 August was not a viable option, then the group would conduct operations on 29 August (NFI). While none of this information can be verified at this time, Commanders are advised to review antiterrorism protection measures with their subordinates and to increase awareness of their subordinates during this period. There are currently no stated threats against TXMF facilities or specific TXMF personnel, but all members should maintain situational awareness when out in the community and report any suspicious activity immediately to local law enforcement personnel.
2. Focused Antiterrorism measures:
  - a. All commands, installations, facilities and armories must review threat assessments, risk assessments and random antiterrorism measures at all locations.
  - b. Review suspicious activity reporting procedures. (see Paragraphs 3 and 4)
  - c. Provide awareness training to all personnel. The focus should be on current activities, personal actions to lessen risks and exposure in public locations.
  - d. For armories or other facilities that are open to the public or who have tenant agencies within the facility, review usage policies. Ensure mitigation measures for access control are in place and review requirements for reporting suspicious activity and emergency response.
  - e. Disseminate guidance to all personnel to maintain situational awareness and report suspicious activity to local law enforcement and security personnel.
  - f. Disseminate guidance to all personnel to use caution when attending public gatherings at public venues.
  - g. Review procedures for off-installation activities/facilities to include movement for training or mobilization.
3. To enhance protection for TXMF personnel:
  - Watch for persons observing, photographing or videotaping an individual or unit building
  - Be suspicious of persons who have an undue curiosity about the security measures at a facility
  - Follow proper security procedures for allowing access to a facility
  - Review bomb threat procedures
  - Coordinate with local law enforcement for threat updates and to ensure quick response time
4. Disseminate this advisory to all units in the Austin area.
5. POC: LTC Rob Eason, AT Officer @ 512-782-5511 or CW2 Steven Johnston, Threat Analyst @ 512-782-5290.

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