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### ONGOING RESEARCH

#### **1. Yemen and Somalia Threat Nexus**

New jihadist tactical communications intercepted by ITRR researchers clearly declare there will be "top quality worldwide actions in the coming days and months that will emanate from the Arabian Peninsula." At the same time, Somali jihadists of Shabab Al-Mujahideen confirmed their collaboration with Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP). (PAIB no. 35, 18 January 2010) Earlier, the Christmas Day bomber Abdulmutallab allegedly told investigators that 20 other young men are being prepared in Yemen to use PETN to blow up airliners. (PAIB no. 32, 11 January 2010)

#### **2. Explicit Threat of British Bombers in the UK**

A jihadist communication from 8 January 2010 explicitly threatened British infrastructure, most likely mass transit. A known jihadist described "two men, British by birth and rearing" set to "paralyze" transportation in the UK. (PAIB no. 33, 13 January 2010)

#### **3. Eco-Terror: Multiple Indicators**

European eco-extremist and anti-capitalist communications of 8 January 2010 and thereafter include explicit calls for sabotage of major facilities and murder. (PAIB no. 32, 11 January 2010) As noted in PA Actionable Intelligence Bulletins in November and December, environmentalist extremists and associated anti-capitalists have pivoted off of the Copenhagen Climate Change Summit to encourage more "direct action" by their cadres worldwide.

#### ***4. SHAC Targeting PA-Based Firms***

ITRR analysts expect a concerted effort on the part of local members of the SHAC movement to target AstraZeneca and Glaxo SmithKline, with offices in Pennsylvania. (PAIB no. 28, 1 January 2010)

#### ***5. Anarchist Groups Preparing for Nationwide Anti-War Demos***

ITRR researchers are monitoring planning activity of various anarchist groups as they prepare for the major anti-war demonstrations scheduled for 20 March 2010. The intent is to "to demand the immediate and unconditional withdrawal of all US and NATO forces from Afghanistan and Iraq." Mass marches and protest rallies are planned for Washington, DC, Los Angeles and San Francisco; ITRR is attempting to identify planning of actions within Pennsylvania.

#### ***6. Churches and Christians Targeted in Muslim World***

A lengthy series of serious attacks on churches and Christians throughout the Muslim world, from the Middle East to the Philippines, indicate a pattern that ITRR analysts feel will continue in coming months. (PAIB no. 33, 13 January 2010) In this regard, ITRR is monitoring the potential for expanding circles of violence sparked by the ongoing Muslim-Christian communal clashes in Nigeria, which have thus far claimed the lives of over 190 people.

#### ***7. Algerian Youth Seeks Guidance for Terror***

An Algerian youth offered himself to Al-Qaeda of the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM) as a suicide bomber and sought guidance on preparing explosives. He later turned to a specialist in terrorist weapons, whom ITRR analysts know to be reliable, for guidance on how he should go about attacking a church frequented by "foreign workers". (PAIB no. 27, 30 December 2009 and PAIB no. 34, 15 January 2010)

#### ***8. UK 'Mega-Mosque' Near Olympic Grounds Halted***

A known Islamist organization, Tablighi Jamaat, has had its makeshift mosque close to the Olympic 2010 site in East London officially closed. The facility has been operating illegally since their temporary planning permission ran out three years ago, at which time they were planning on building a huge mosque, or "mega-mosque", at the site. An eviction notice has been issued for this week. Also expected to contribute to tensions in the UK is a planned "anti-jihad" march by the controversial English Defense League slated for Saturday, 23 January 2010, in Hanley. EDL backers say it "may be the biggest march yet." ITRR analysts are monitoring reactions to these events.

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

**Sectors: POSTAL AND SHIPPING; GOVERNMENT FACILITIES; ENERGY**

### **9. AQAP Communiqué Targets 'Land, Sea and Air'**

Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) has released a communiqué for publication in jihadist forums in which it assures supporters that its leaders in Yemen have not been killed, contrary to Western and Arab media reports. AQAP also declares it obligatory upon Muslims to "declare jihad on the infidels and those who collaborate with them (a reference to Yemeni authorities - ITRR). Not only on land but at sea and in the air as well."

Specifying potential targets, the AQAP communication notes that "their Crusader (i.e., Western) fleet is to be found in Aden bay, in the Arabian Sea, the Persian Gulf and in the Red Sea, and their aircraft hover in the skies of the [Arabian] Peninsula."

The communiqué ends by promising "more and more information later on concerning the Saudi-American-Yemeni operation, and the deferral of publication is due only to security reasons."

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

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

According to ITRR analysts, the AQAP communication is part of an effort to prove to both their jihadist audience and the rest of the world that they have not been harmed by US decapitation strikes in Yemen. To further reinforce this point on their part, significant attacks by AQAP terrorists can be expected in the near term. This dovetails with new jihadist communications noted in PAIB no. 35 (18 January 2010) predicting "top quality worldwide actions in the coming days and months that will emanate from the Arabian Peninsula."

Recent events (e.g., the attempted bombing of a US airliner on Christmas Day and the apparent Yemeni jihadist links of the Ft. Hood shooter) have proven that AQAP is able to conduct operations far from their base of operations.

Furthermore, mention of Western naval assets echoes ongoing jihadist communications discussing intelligence on Western maritime assets worldwide. As noted in PAIB no. 28 (1 January 2010), ITRR sees a clear intent by jihadist cells to begin waging a deadly form of *Jihad Al-Bahr* ("jihad at sea") as soon as operationally possible. Attacks on shipping lanes in the Gulf area may also affect Pennsylvania energy supplies from that region.

**Sectors: GOVERNMENT FACILITIES**

**10. Turkey Arrests Dozens of AQ Suspects**

In a mass round-up that covered 25 houses in a southern Turkish city on Monday, 31 people were arrested on suspicion of belonging to Al-Qaeda. Another 11 people were apprehended in Ankara. Weapons and ammunition were confiscated, as were computers containing suspicious documents.

Also of note is that in October 2009 Turkish security forces arrested 50 people in nine cities suspected of links with a regional Al-Qaeda cell. Authorities said that they believed Al-Qaeda was preparing attacks on several cities inside Turkey.

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

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

ITRR analysts see the recent arrests as a possible indication of an even larger plot that may still be executed. In fact, according to ITRR analysis, if there remain affiliated cells or individual terrorists still at large, then the arrests may bring forward the planned execution of the attack or elements of it.

In addition to the jihadist threat, the Freedom Hawks of Kurdistan (FHK) have issued a clear threat against Turkish cities (see PAIB 23, 21 December 2009).

In light of the two recent indicators of terrorist intentions, ITRR recommends that faculty and students from the University of Pennsylvania at the American Research Institute in Turkey (ARIT) facilities in Ankara and Istanbul, as well as at other regional institutions, increase situational awareness. Travel to southeastern Turkey is not recommended at this time, as previous attacks and counterattacks launched by the Turkish military and Kurdish terror cells have thus far been centered in this region, as well as over the border in Iraq.

**Sectors: COMMERCIAL FACILITIES**

**11. Synagogue Attack Highlights Targeting**

The Etz Hayim Synagogue of Hania (Crete) was the target of an arson attack overnight Friday, 15 January 2010 (the Jewish Sabbath). According to police reports the damage was extensive, including the main structure, the roof, computers, ancient Jewish and Cretan literature, art and music collections, and religious artifacts.

This is the second arson attack against the Etz Hayim Synagogue in 19 days. The previous attack damaged the structure as well.

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

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

According to ITRR analysts, the arson attacks in Greece underscore the global ongoing jihadist and far-left extremist risk to assets identified as Israeli or Jewish (PAIB no. 23, 21 December 2009).

In Pennsylvania, as previously noted, any adversarial actions will likely focus on the Israeli consulate in Philadelphia. In this regard, ITRR reported in PAIB no. 29 (4 January 2010) that on 30 December 2009 Philadelphia police responding to a loitering call discovered a firebomb, anti-Israeli literature and an Arabic dictionary inside a Center City parking garage not far from the Israeli consulate.

Other potential targets for vandalism or lone-wolf terrorism related to anti-Israel activism in the Pennsylvania region include high-profile Jewish institutions, synagogues or communal events.

As noted in PAIB no. 19 (11 December 2009), since late November 2009 through December there were repeated clashes between anarchists and other far-left extremists and Greek law enforcement, along with previous firebombs, shooting, arson and other sabotage attacks. Such anarchist and far-leftist extremists are often well represented in anti-Israel rallies worldwide and anti-Israel slogans are often heard at their own rallies. ITRR analysts believe that a potential exists for anti-Israel violence stemming from anarchist and far-left extremists, alongside or independently of Islamist adversarial elements.

### **Sectors: GOVERNMENT FACILITIES**

#### ***12. Northeastern US and Greek Anarchists in Solidarity***

ITRR researchers have identified new planning communications by members of the Northeast Anarchist Network (NEAN) regarding how they can support Greek anarchists who have been carrying on a violent confrontation with the Greek government (see PAIB no. 19 and above "Synagogue Attack Highlights Targeting").

The planning, being conducted in Boston, is focused on achieving "the birth of anarchy" by being "good internationalists" and supporting "the Greek movement in anyway (*sic*) we can!"

NEAN believes that "our comrades in Greece pose such a threat to the state and those who wish to be the state [that] they are under constant attack from all sides...."

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

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

ITRR analysts note that NEAN, including anti-authoritarian groups extending from Pennsylvania to Maine, has previously displayed its strength at the G20 talks in Pittsburgh.

As previously noted, Greek anarchist violence has focused primarily, although not exclusively, on law enforcement and has included rioting, shooting, firebombs, arson and other sabotage. Anarchists outside Greece have repeatedly expressed admiration for the weeks of rioting, vandalism, arson and sabotage that ensued following the shooting death of a youth in Athens in 2008 and in Oakland, California, following the 2009 shooting death of a partygoer there.

ITRR analysts have previously identified the cross-pollination, inspiration and intelligence sharing in which such anarchist and affiliated groups engage. Therefore, the indicators identified above point to an increased risk of anarchist activity in the northeastern United States following the NEAN planning activities. ITRR researchers are currently monitoring the anarchist networks for localized targeting indicators.

At this time ITRR analysts have assigned a T/I/W Rating of Low as the anarchist groups go through their planning cycle. The T/I/W Rating will be increased as necessary.

### **Sectors: GOVERNMENT FACILITIES**

#### ***13. PA and German Anarchists in Solidarity***

The Pittsburgh Organizing Group (POG), an anarchist and anti-authoritarian organization, has called for protests outside the law offices of David Murdoch, the Honorary German Consul, on Smithfield Street in Pittsburgh. A protest has been scheduled for 6 February 2010. ITRR is unaware at this time if the individuals involved have obtained a police permit for these actions.

The anti-Germany activity is intended to show solidarity with the Free Workers' Union - Berlin (FAU-B), an anarchist organization that was ordered by a Berlin court to cease using the term "union" and acting as such.

Protesters have been called upon to "bring flags and messages of support." However, POG warns, "If the issue remains unresolved we will consider potentially more direct ways of increasing pressure locally."

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

The FAU-B has called for international solidarity actions outside German institutions, companies and diplomatic missions. In response, POG has identified the following in the Pittsburgh region:

- the German consul's office, as noted;
- seventy German-owned companies;
- the US headquarters for "major German firms such as Auma Actuators, Almatiss, Bayer Schering, Draeger Safety, Neugart, ProMinent and Veka."

ITRR analysts note that during the 2008 Republican National Convention in St. Paul, POG played a very effective leadership role in highly organized anarchist protest activity.

The publicity given to the planned POG protests among anarchist organizations and affinity groups will likely generate similar solidarity actions targeting German assets throughout North America. Of note in this regard is the Northeast Anarchist Network (NEAN) planning communications discussed above ("Northeastern US and Greek Anarchists in Solidarity").

Current indicators point to a quickly increasing level of risk to German or German-identified facilities in Pennsylvania and other states with significant anarchist activity.

**Sectors: COMMERCIAL FACILITIES; AGRICULTURE AND FOOD**

**14. Environmental Activists Target General Mills**

The environmental activist organization Rainforest Action Network (RAN) has announced the targeting of General Mills over that company's alleged destruction of rainforests in Indonesia, Malaysia and Papua New Guinea. RAN accuses General Mills of cutting down the rainforests in order to plant palm trees for the production of palm oil. According to RAN, the palm oil is destined for "General Mills brands and products, from Betty Crocker and Pillsbury to Nature Valley Granola Bars and Yogurt Burst Cheerios."

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**T//W Rating: MODERATE**

The Rainforest Action Network is extremely aggressive in their campaigns. In their own words, "We believe that a sustainable world can be created in our lifetime, and that aggressive action must be taken immediately to leave a safe and secure world for our children." Previous RAN targets have been coal producers and power companies, as well as banks that provide financing to those industries. ITRR analysts note that previous RAN targets have been the scene of illegal actions including trespassing, lock-downs and vandalism.

Security personnel should review policies dealing with the security of their facilities and liaise with local law enforcement. General Mills facilities that may be targeted in Pennsylvania include those in Lancaster, McKeesport, Marcus Hook, Montgomeryville and Prospect Park.

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

DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL BASES  
HEALTHCARE AND PUBLIC HEALTH  
NATIONAL MONUMENTS AND ICONS  
BANKING AND FINANCE  
WATER  
CHEMICAL  
CRITICAL MANUFACTURING  
DAMS  
EMERGENCY SERVICES  
NUCLEAR REACTORS, MATERIALS, AND WASTE  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
COMMUNICATIONS  
TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS

THREAT / INDICATOR / WARNING RATING	DESCRIPTION
<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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