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ACTIONABLE DATE REMINDERS

- **Current - 6 July 2010: EARTH FIRST!** 2010 Round River Rendezvous, training and strategy-building week, in the North Woods of Maine.

- **Current - 11 July 2010:** The FIFA 2010 World Cup in South Africa has generated intense and serious jihadist communications regarding the execution of attacks during and at the games. 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.

  Jihadist communications have focused on tactics and strategies for attacks on sports events. ITRR analysts note that the jihadist communications take on added concern due to ongoing high-profile professional sporting events in Pennsylvania.

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- **Current-31 August 2010:** In the general escalation in Irish republican terrorism, Marching Season in Northern Ireland is a period of several serious potential flashpoints for violence, with the most significant risk surrounding the 12 July march. Heightened situational awareness is called for among students and faculty with overseas programs in Northern Ireland, such as those of Millersville University and the Pennsylvania College of Technology.

- **6 July 2010:** Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu due to visit Washington. Potential for protests at the Israeli consulate in Philadelphia and other Israeli-identified assets.

- **9-11 July 2010:** National Governors Association is meeting in Boston, Massachusetts. Adversarial logistical planning indicates a heightened potential for significant disorder in the vicinity of the meeting on or around **10 July 2010**.

- **15-19 July 2010:** Animal Rights National Conference 2010 at the Hilton Hotel in Alexandria, Virginia: "the world's largest and longest-running animal rights gathering." Likely to have an impact on animal rights activism nationwide.

- **16-18 July 2010:** The **NORTHEAST ANARCHISTS NETWORK** (**NEAN**) is holding its annual assembly in Boston, Massachusetts.

- **16-19 July 2010:** A multi-state militia - the **2-4 MID ATLANTIC CITIZEN HOMELAND SECURITY ASSOCIATION** (**2-4 MACHSA** or "**Mountain Men**"), active along the Mason-Dixon Line of Maryland and Pennsylvania - is holding its first Annual Patriot Training in Pennsylvania.

- **24 July 2010:** A LGBT ("Gay pride") parade and subsequent festival (PrideFest) are to take place in Harrisburg. The parade will progress down Front Street (between North and Walnut), with the festival in Riverfront Park. Law enforcement personnel will primarily be called upon to provide crowd control and manage possible counter-protests. Of note are recent focused anti-gay rhetoric and actions among White supremacists and some right-wing militia supporters.

- **29 July 2010:** Arizona's controversial immigration law SB 1070 to be enacted. Anarchists and immigrants' rights activists are prepared to

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"escalate resistance" nationwide.

- **30 July-31 August 2010:** Anarchist organization CrimethInc. is planning what they have called "a decentralized convergence." One specified rolling event is the Conspiracy Tour throughout several US states, from 25 July through 25 August 2010. Tentative Conspiracy Tour dates and locations in Pennsylvania include:

  - **30-31 July 2010** in Pittsburgh
  - **3 August 2010** in Philadelphia

SECTOR-SPECIFIC THREATS, INDICATORS AND/OR WARNINGS

Sectors: ENERGY; GOVERNMENT FACILITIES, BANKING

1. ***International 'Stop the Tar Sands Day'***

Environmental activist groups in Europe have called for an "International Stop the Tar Sands Day," tentatively scheduled for 17 July 2010. The reference is to what they call the "climate crime" of tar sands oil extraction projects in Alberta, Canada.

Calling the Alberta oil extraction "one of the world's largest and dirtiest energy projects," the activists lament that "European oil companies and banks are financing this climate crime," yet "the tar sands are relatively unknown in Europe."

To rectify the situation, the European activists, some affiliated with the Sierra Club, issued a call for demonstrations in five European cities "in support of shutting down the tar sands for good." As of this writing, protests are slated for London (United Kingdom) and Berlin (Germany), as well as a Critical Mass bike tour in Montreal, Canada.

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

European activism against Canadian tar sands extraction and refining is a confirmation and reinforcement of the globalization of "green activism."

While the Sierra Club activism is generally legal and non-destructive, ITRR analysts believe it is significant that the International Stop the Tar Sands Day was also promoted by **ROOT FORCE**, a radical anti-globalist organization. Root Force seeks to "exploit weak points in the global economy and hasten the system's collapse," by supporting those fighting the development of highways, railways, ports, dams,

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mines, oil and gas pipelines, power plants, power lines and telecommunications cables.

Also of note in this context is the recent "direct action" training events (noted in PAIB No.100) focused specifically on the Alberta tar sands. Run by radical activist organizations such as the Ruckus Society and environmental groups such as the **RAINFOREST ACTION NETWORK** (**RAN**), the training workshop helped activists identify "pipelines, refineries, rail, trucking and shipping lanes, and extraction" affecting the "tar sands in northern Alberta."

In March 2010 (as noted in PAIB No. 55) the RAN declared its intention to "keep the pressure on" the Royal Bank of Canada (RBC) over its financing of the Alberta tar sands project. In light of this, security personnel should review policies dealing with the protection of the facilities of RBC and other financial institutions named in RAN communications. These include:

- RBC branches in Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Scranton, Lancaster, Kennett Square.
- De Lage Landen Financial Services, Inc. in Wayne.
- Credit Suisse in Conshohocken (300 Conshohocken State Rd.).
- ING Financial Services in West Chester.
- HSBC offices on Arch St. and Market St. in Philadelphia.
- Sumitomo offices in Pittsburgh (600 Grant St.).
- BNP Paribas offices in King of Prussia (555 Croton Rd.).

ITRR analysts identified several specific banks funding the Alberta tar sands project that may become targets for eco-activist "direct action," or worse, in Pennsylvania, including branches of financial institutions such as TD Bank, JP Morgan Chase, Citi Bank, Bank of America and Wells Fargo.

Similar precautions are called for at businesses in proximity to the above named institutions.

As cited as far back as PAIB no. 2, sophisticated variations of "direct action" tactics were taught at a **RUCKUS SOCIETY** training in New York in December 2009. That training was aimed at preparing for "direct action" against drilling in Pennsylvania's Marcellus Shale area.

ITRR is monitoring adversarial communications for further regional Pennsylvania targeting at this time.

SECTORS: ENERGY; GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

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2. *Global Protests Against BP and the US Government*

ITRR analysts have identified plans for protests against British Petroleum (BP) in several locations worldwide under the heading "The Second Worldwide Protest BP Day." According to the activists' publicity, they "aim to pressure BP" and "to pressure the US government."

The protests thus far confirmed are slated for 10 July 2010 in cities throughout the United States and overseas.

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

While most of the past anti-BP protests have been legal and peaceful, some have included "direct action" vandalism, blockades and civil disobedience. ITRR analysts note that communities with significant anarchist populations are likely to see anti-BP or anti-oil-industry demonstrations and actions during the same period.

While there have not yet been anti-BP protests slated for Pennsylvania, the number of protest sites and dates continues to increase as the target date approaches. As noted in PAIB No. 96, the previous global series of anti-BP protests included events at Philadelphia's City Hall, in the Roxborough section of Philadelphia, in Flourtown and in Doylestown.

ITRR is monitoring adversarial communications for new anti-BP protests in Pennsylvania this month.

As noted previously, BP stations are only one of the multinational's corporate holdings that may be targeted by determined environmentalists. The BP group includes Amoco, ARCO and BP, as well as the AM/PM outlets and Castrol motor oil.

SECTOR: GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

3. *Canadian Military Recruitment Center Bombed*

A bomb was detonated at a Canadian military recruitment center in Trois-Rivières, Quebec, on Friday. Open source reports indicate that the bomb was inside the building. There were no injuries, as the explosion took place around 3:00 AM, and police had reportedly received a phoned-in bomb threat shortly beforehand.

In an email to a Montreal newspaper, a known anarchist group called ***Initiative de Resistance Internationaliste*** (**IRI**) claimed responsibility for the blast.

In its communiqué, IRI said it was opposed to "the militaristic practices and ideals of the Canadian state" and called the bombing "our resistance to the brainwashing and intensive soliciting by the army of young people confronted with the emptiness of a demeaning society." At the just completed G20, where anarchists rioted and

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vandalized Toronto's streets, cars and businesses, the IRI statement said, there was gross police "repression."

IRI further condemned capitalist institutions such as banks and multinational companies.

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

IRI has been only intermittently active since 2004, having perpetrated only two other attacks - bombing an electric tower and firebombing a Canadian Petroleum Products Institute executive's vehicle.

ITRR analysts see the above Quebec recruitment center bombing as typical of current North American anarchist terrorism. It was clearly intended as a symbolic attack and not *a priori* intended to cause loss of life. However, ITRR analysts have noted a worrying escalation in rhetoric and a growing willingness to use violent means among anarchists, particularly "green anarchists", since the end of 2009.

ITRR analysts see the Quebec bombing as a direct continuation of the G20 rioting in Toronto, as the IRI itself seemed to obliquely acknowledge. Therefore, ITRR analysts believe that further acts of anarchist terrorism and vandalism, inspired by the Toronto G20 "actions" and the Quebec bombing itself, can be expected in the near term.

Areas of operation for such attacks, according to ITRR, are not going to be limited to Canada. Therefore, military recruitment centers in Pennsylvania - specifically in areas of significant anarchist activity - are advised to increase situational awareness at the present time.

SECTOR: COMMERCIAL FACILITIES

*4. **Protests to Mark Hiroshima-Nagasaki Bombings***

The Brandywine Peace Community is planning to hold two protests marking the World War II nuclear bomb attacks on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan, in 1945.

On 6 August 2010 the activists will gather outside the offices of defense contractor Lockheed Martin in Valley Forge for "Hiroshima Day." Billing the event as a "Bell-tolling Peace Vigil" and "nonviolent civil disobedience," the activists will gather on Goddard Boulevard, behind the King of Prussia Mall, across the street from Lockheed Martin.

They have asked participants to be prepared to "to participate in the civil disobedience and face arrest at Lockheed Martin on August 6."

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On 9 August 2010, "Nagasaki Day," the activists will gather at Philadelphia's City Hall (on 15th and Market St.) and march to SS Peter and Paul Roman Catholic Cathedral (18th and Benjamin Franklin Parkway).

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

As of this writing, ITRR has no current information regarding needed police permits. However, for the Hiroshima Day event the activists have already indicated an apparent intention to violate the defense contractor's private property along with other acts of "civil disobedience."

ITRR analysts believe the above event will be generally non-violent, although it is unclear to what extent the organizers will take their "civil disobedience" in this case. Law enforcement personnel should be prepared to counter demonstrator tactics which may include trespass and locking themselves to the facility's gate.

Sectors: Government Facilities and Energy

5. *Pro-Drilling, Anti-Drilling Activism in Delaware River Area*

The Northern Wayne Property Owners Alliance (NWPOA) is calling for supporters of oil well drilling in the Delaware River Basin - which would naturally entail their right to sell their properties to oil companies interested in the area's reserves - to attend the Delaware River Basin Commission hearing in Trenton, New Jersey, on 14 July 2010.

Opponents of such drilling - primarily environmentalists - have called for a rally at the DRBC hearing "to show support for the moratorium on drilling in the Delaware River Basin."

NWPOA is active among property owners in New York, New Jersey, Delaware and Pennsylvania. The group appears to be headquartered in Damascus, PA.

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

ITRR analysts note that the Damascus area, where pro-drilling activities are taking place, has also been the scene of eco-terrorist vandalism to drilling equipment.

The New Jersey hearing may be the scene of confrontations between pro- and anti-drilling activists. In Pennsylvania, the escalating conflict may define local fault lines and potentially increase area environmentalist activity or eco-terrorism.

Sector: Government Facilities

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6. ***Anniversary of Boko Haram Leader's Death and Fresh Threats***

Nigeria has announced a heightened alert level ahead of the one-year anniversary of the death of the leader of Nigeria's anti-Western ***BOKO HARAM*** (BH; a.k.a. **NIGERIAN TALIBAN**) Islamist group, Mohammed Yusuf. According to security officials, jihadists in Borno State were plotting to carry out attacks to commemorate the July anniversary.

On Thursday, 1 July 2010, African media obtained a 25-minute video clip, allegedly filmed on 19 April of this year, in which a new *Boko Haram* leader named Abubakar Shekau threatened more attacks. However, Nigerian police claim Shekau is dead, as well.

In subsequent government reports, BH was accused of having "poisoned the source of drinking water" in Bauchi, where violent inter-religious clashes took place last weekend.

In PAIB No. 77, ITRR researchers noted intercepted Islamist communications indicating an increase in violence in Nigeria in the immediate future.

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

Nigeria has been the scene of inter-religious conflict which has resulted in hundreds of civilian casualties. ITRR analysts expect this conflict to continue in the immediate future with the dangerous additional risk of global jihadist involvement.

In that context, ITRR analysts note that **AL QAEDA IN THE ISLAMIC MAGHREB** (**AQIM**)[1] has previously stated its intention to enter the intra-Nigerian conflict on behalf of the Muslim residents of Nigeria and in August 2009 Boko Haram formally placed itself at the service of Al-Qaeda.

ITRR analysts reiterate their guidance regarding expected increasing inter-religious reprisal violence, as well as violence targeting Westerners in increasing numbers in many areas of Nigeria. ITRR recommends that Westerners working in Nigeria increase personal protection at this time, including exchange students from the University of Pennsylvania's School of Dental Medicine.

[1] (formerly **Salafist Group for Call and Combat** (**GSPC**), **Al Qaeda Organization in the Islamic Maghreb**, **Al Qaeda in the Maghreb** (**AQIM**)

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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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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.
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