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### ONGOING RESEARCH ON WORLD-WIDE EVENTS

#### 1. **'Anti-Infrastructure' Group Takes up Amazon Cause**

The Belo Monte dam project in Brazil has attracted the attention of environmentalist and anarchist groups outside the country. Specifically, the **Root Force** (<http://www.rootforce.org/>) group has focused on the project as a rallying point. Root Force is a radical, anti-globalist organization that 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, mines, oil and gas pipelines, power plants, power lines and telecommunications cables. A specific focus for Root Force is infrastructure that provides access to resources in Latin America, "because the US economy is particularly dependent on ... those resources." ITRR analysts are monitoring adversarial communications for indications of regional and/or Pennsylvania targeting, as well as advising **Pennsylvania students in Brazil** to heighten situational awareness at this time. (PAIB No. 89)

#### 2. **Caucasus Jihad Going Global**

ITRR analysts note an increased capability and willingness among Caucasus-based jihadists to operate outside the Russian theater. As of this writing, however, the

Caucasus jihadists remain focused on attacking Russian assets and personnel. While there are, as yet, no indications of IEC or other Caucasus terrorist capability in North America, the increasing globalization of **Al-Qaeda** and its affinity groups leaves open the very real possibility of such capability developing just below the radar. In addition, lone-wolf jihadists of Slavic or Caucasus background may be inspired by aggressive anti-Russian incitement in Russian-language jihadist communications. (PAIB No. 87)

### 3. **'Gay Pride' Events Disrupted by Neo-Nazi Skinheads**

ITRR researchers have recently noted indications of focused, anti-gay chatter among right-wing militia supporters. Upcoming "gay pride" events worldwide may serve as trigger events for such radicals with an anti-gay agenda. This month, for example, dozens of neo-Nazis threw stones, eggs and smoke bombs into crowds taking part in gay pride parades in the Eastern European states of Belarus and Slovakia, causing the events to be halted or disrupted. Upcoming major Pennsylvania gay pride events include:

- 5 June 2010: Dyke and Trans March in Pittsburgh
- 12 June 2010: Pride in the Street outdoor party in Pittsburgh
- 13 June 2010: Pittsburgh Gay Pride Awareness March and concluding festival
- 13 June 2010: Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Parade and Festival in Philadelphia

Anti-gay, White supremacist and far-right militia communications are currently under review by ITRR domestic terrorism analysts. As of this writing, no communications indicating activity as seen in Eastern Europe has been identified for Pennsylvania.

### 4. **New Pennsylvania-Based Earth First! Network Forming**

Supporters of the radical environmentalist and anti-capitalist organization, **Earth First!** are forming a new network in the upstate New York-Pennsylvania region. As one of its first activities, the group will be conducting training in upstate New York over Memorial Day weekend. The Earth First! movement has recently taken a turn to advocating more aggressive civil disobedience and sabotage. ITRR analysts recommend that security personnel responsible for mass transit, telecommunications, ports, fuel stations, coal plants and other facilities that have been targeted by environmentalist protests in the past take immediate action to heighten situational awareness. A high priority target for environmental activists in the New York-Pennsylvania region is the Marcellus Shale area gas drilling project. (PAIB nos. 68 and 86)

### 5. ***Pittsburgh to Host World Environment Day***

The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) will be holding World Environment Day events in **Pittsburgh** on 5 June 2010. It will be the culmination of nearly two months of mainstream global environmental awareness activities. Parallel, World Environment Day gatherings are to be held in six other cities, one in each continent. ITRR researchers note that past World Environment Days have sometimes been met with marches and protests in various locations around the world. As recent communications among eco-terror sympathizers have targeted corporate and state entities that are ostensibly involved in environmental conservation activities, ITRR analysts are monitoring for Pittsburgh targeting among such adversarial elements. Of special note is the involvement of the **Bayer Corporation's US offices, based in Pittsburgh**, in the World Environment Day planning. Bayer has also been the target of eco-activist protests in the past.

### 5. ***Tactics: UK White Supremacists Planned Ricin Attack***

Two White supremacists in the UK were recently arrested for apparently planning to murder Jews and Muslims using ricin, pipe bombs and other methods gleaned from anarchist and far-right online manuals. As the plotters clearly shared information with hundreds of others sympathetic to White supremacist ideology, through their international **ARYAN STRIKE FORCE** organization and website, ITRR analysts are monitoring relevant communications for indications of similar lone-wolf, White supremacist terror planning in North America. Aryan Strike Force has close links to the **RACIAL VOLUNTEER FORCE** (RVF) - a spin-off of **COMBAT 18** and **BLOOD AND HONOUR** (having North American chapters and organized prison gangs). (PAIB No. 83)

### 6. ***Anarchists Training for G8/G20: May Remains the 'Month of Anarchy'***

Starting the process towards a successful demonstration and "direct action" against governments, capitalist economies, borders requiring travel documents and climate change, Canadian anarchists are focusing their attention on Toronto and the G8 and G20 meetings slated for June. Similarly, the **NORTHEAST ANARCHIST NETWORK** (NEAN) is stepping up its activities (legal and illegal) in the northeastern US through May 2010 (billed as a "Month of Anarchy"). Thus far, for example, a bank in Canada has been firebombed and several banks in Colorado had their locks and card readers jammed using glue. Additionally, noteworthy **gatherings in Pennsylvania** organized by anarchist groups this month include:

- two stops in an anarchist musical group's east coast tour: "Folk the Park" in Long's Park in **Lancaster** on 29 May (at 14:00)
- the Lava Space in **Philadelphia**, 29 May 2010

ITRR researchers are currently monitoring the anarchist networks for targeting indicators in Pennsylvania. (PAIB Nos. 50, 59, 73 and 89)

### **7. *Militarized Anti-Government Movements Seeing Increased Activity***

ITRR researchers are monitoring anti-government militia organizations, especially the **ROGUE NATION ETHERNAL MILITIA** (RNEM), also linked with anarchist libertarian elements. RNEM and others have been promoting armed, dispersed and "leaderless resistance" against what they define as the "New World Order." Their targets include:

- FEMA
- The United Nations
- Banks
- Police
- Military
- Other federal agencies

The RNEM group appears to have a Pennsylvania chapter. (PAIB Nos. 63, 65, 68, 73 and 88)

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

### **Sectors: AGRICULTURE AND FOOD, GOVERNMENT FACILITIES AND WATER**

#### **8. *Death by Food***

A new jihadist journal distributed by **AL-QAEDA** includes an explicit threat against Prince Mohammed Bin-Nayef of Saudi Arabia. The text notes that he survived an assassination attempt by an **AL-QAEDA OF THE ARABIAN PENINSULA** (AQAP) terrorist in August 2009. (The attacker struck inside the prince's own palace with explosives inserted inside the bomber's body cavity; this tactic received extensive attention in jihadist circles.)

In the new communication, Al-Qaeda taunts: "Will your honor die because of food in the next few days? Only Allah knows."

What is described as "an urgent letter from the Al-Qaeda organization to the infidel Mohammed Bin-Nayef" appearing in jihadist forums says simply: "Beware of your food!"

A communication in response to this warning adds, "Pay attention to your food, 'your honor', because the lions of Al-Qaeda don't tell jokes. And who knows, maybe the message is to someone else and not to you; that is to say, an indirect message. So pay attention to your food, 'ladies'. I recommend you import devices for detecting toxins - and a device to discover spies operating on behalf of Al-Qaeda."

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

ITRR analysts are unable to determine at the present time if the threat to poison Bin-Nayef is operational, motivational, contains a hidden message - or is simply a form of psychological warfare on the part of AQAP. Whatever the case, Bin-Nayef remains a high-priority target for Al-Qaeda, although there are many governmental and Western targets in AQAP's area of operations that could be targeted using the aforementioned tactic.

More generally significant, beyond the AQAP arena, are the jihadists' repeat references to the poisoning of food consumed by targeted individuals or personnel. As discussed in PAIB No. 77, ITRR analysts have identified communications indicating a risk to American food and water supply lines worldwide.

In communications from January 2010, ITRR analysts note that jihadists encouraged infiltration of Western military forces "to recruit soldiers from those forces and use them to carry out lethal military attacks against the Americans who train them." Jihadists also urge infiltration of "companies that provide food to the enemy military and to poison the food with lethal toxins or to put explosives in the shipments." This scenario was allegedly almost actualized (PAIB No. 52) when five Arabic-speaking, foreign-language specialists being trained by the US military were investigated for evidence of plans to poison food supplied to American soldiers at Ft. Jackson, North Carolina.

Based on previous targeting efforts by domestic and foreign jihadists, Pennsylvania military facilities may be targeted for food and water supply contamination. These facilities include:

- Carlisle Barracks (Cumberland County)
- Letterkenny Army Depot (Franklin County)
- Tobyhanna Army Depot (Monroe County)

- Fort Indiantown Gap National Guard Training Center (Lebanon County)
- Naval Support Activity installation in Mechanicsburg (Cumberland County)

The above events and targeting communications, although focused on military assets, should encourage a greater awareness of the vulnerability of civilian food and water supplies to sabotage. ITRR analysts note that large event food supply is especially vulnerable. Security personnel responsible for the Stanley Cup Playoffs should pay extra attention to potential risk factors along the food supply chain serving the facilities involved.

More generally, due to the sharing of information and motivational cross-pollination among terrorists, security personnel responsible for the protection of water and food supplies, especially those charged with the feeding of large numbers of personnel or students, should be aware of jihadist discussions of the intent to poison food supplies.

### Sector: GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

#### 9. *The Successful French Campaign Against the ETA*

French authorities have apprehended an individual suspected of being the highest ranking leader of **EUSKADI TA ASKATASUNA** (ETA) (English: *Basque Homeland and Freedom*) terrorist operations, Mikel Karrera Sarobe. Three other suspected ETA members were also captured in two early morning counterterrorist operations in southwestern France.

Sarobe's capture - assuming he is who French police say he is - is the sixth time an ETA leader has been arrested in the just last two years. The most recent such arrest took place in February 2010.

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

The recent arrests may be seen as part of French President Nicolas Sarkozy's March 2010 declaration that the country will "eradicate all the bases of ETA one by one." His comments came on the heels of a shootout with ETA terrorists in Paris in which a policeman was killed. Last year, the organization was apparently behind several car bomb attacks in Spain, one of which was fatal; while in 2008 the ETA murdered a construction contractor and detonated a VBIED outside the headquarters of the construction company involved in developing a high-speed rail network in Spanish Basque country.

Furthermore, ITRR noted in PAIB No. 14 the publication of a "Manual of Mayhem" put together by SEGI, a Basque terror organization allied with the ETA. In that

document, the terror outfit provided guidance and encouragement for poisoning water reservoirs, sabotaging trains and slipping incendiary mixtures into ballot envelopes during elections.

ITRR analysts believe there is currently an increased risk of ETA terrorism in France and Spain. Analysis indicates that the ETA will desire to demonstrate that their capabilities remain intact despite the high-profile arrests of recent months.

As previously advised (such as in PAIB No. 73), Pennsylvanian students and faculty participating in foreign study programs in Spain or France (e.g., University of Pennsylvania, the University of Pittsburgh, Clarion University, East Stroudsburg, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Mansfield University and Westminster College - should be made aware of the current heightened potential for disruptive "direct action" or violent terrorism in areas considered to be Basque Country, as well as in major French and Spanish cities.

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

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

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THREAT / INDICATOR / WARNING RATING	<i>DESCRIPTION</i>
<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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