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ONGOING RESEARCH

1. *Iranian Anti-Islamic Regime Protests Expected to Return*

12 June 2010 marks the one-year anniversary of Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's re-election and the subsequent civil uprising that engendered. Anti-regime protests in and outside Iran are being prepared. Last year, Iranian pro-democracy and anti-Islamic-regime protests took place in Rittenhouse Square in Philadelphia, on the campus of the University of Pittsburgh and elsewhere. ITRR analysts are monitoring pro-democracy communications for information regarding planned protests in Pennsylvania. (PAIB No. 95)

2. *Indian Insurgents' Again Escalate Terror Campaign*

Splinter factions and organized cells of the Naxalite (Communist separatist) groups operating in India have escalated their attacks in recent weeks. Attacks are generally coordinated, multifaceted armed assaults, assassinations for the sake of intimidation, railway sabotage or roadside improvised explosive devices (IED) (or any combination thereof). Entrenched Naxalite and regional insurgencies are pressing ahead, despite intermittent counterterror successes. Researchers and faculty at New Delhi's University of Pennsylvania Institute for the Advanced Study of India (UPIASI), as well as business travelers and tourists from Pennsylvania,

should be made aware of the heightened threat level in states such as Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Orissa, Bihar, Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand. (PAIB No. 92)

3. *'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** 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 regional Pennsylvania targeting, as well as advising Pennsylvania colleges/university participating in overseas exchange programs to notify students in Brazil to heighten situational awareness at this time. (PAIB No. 89)

4. *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)

5. '*Gay Pride' Events Disrupted by Neo-Nazis*

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 are:

- the 12 June 2010 Pride in the Street outdoor party in Pittsburgh
- the 13 June 2010 Pittsburgh Gay Pride Awareness March and concluding festival
- the 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 Bulletin, no communications indicating activity such as that seen in Eastern Europe has been identified.

6. ***Anarchists Preparing for G8/G20***

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 25-27 June 2010. The **NORTHEAST ANARCHIST NETWORK** (**NEAN**) is stepping up its activities (legal and illegal) in the northeastern US. ITRR researchers are currently monitoring the anarchist networks for targeting indicators in Pennsylvania. (PAIB Nos. 59, 73 and 89)

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

ITRR researchers are monitoring anti-government militia organizations, especially the **ROGUE NATION ETERNAL 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, as well as the police, the military and 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

Sector: GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

8. ***Fatah Armed Wing Issues Explicit Threat to Attack Israel***

The *Imad Mughniya* cells of the **AL-AQSA MARTYRS BRIGADES** - the armed wing of the Fatah movement currently in control of the Palestinian Authority in the West Bank - has issued a new explicit threat against Israeli cities.

On 7 June 2010, the Israeli Navy issued a statement indicating naval forces intercepted a boat with men in wetsuits and SCUBA gear who had intended to carry out a terrorist operation against Israeli targets. The Israeli forces opened fire, apparently killing four of the terrorists.

In a communication issued in reaction to the incident, the Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades confirmed that the dead men were "mujahideen," meaning fighters engaged in jihad. "The convoy of martyrdom will continue. The jihad will continue. The

convoy of martyrdom will prove again that blood is the only option to free Palestine. The parade will go on. The parade of jihad and resistance," the statement said.

The organization vowed to "continue with the jihad and the resistance and we want to make sure that this pure blood will not be wasted. And the response will be inside the Zionist cities."

ITRR analysts note that the term "Zionist cities" refers to civilian population centers within the State of Israel.

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

In a previous communication, Fatah's Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades declared that there would be "punishment" for the deaths of nine anti-Israel militants aboard the Turkish ship that attempted to run Israel's blockade of Gaza last week (see PAIB No. 93). At the time, the group called on "all the factions to [attack] Israel and the settlements ... to react immediately ....” ITRR analysts see the thwarted infiltration by sea as a probable attempt to act on this declaration. Also in PAIB No. 93, ITRR noted that global jihadist communications have stepped up discussions of "revenge" targeting of Jews, Israelis and Americans in response to events surrounding the Gaza flotilla.

ITRR recommends that Pennsylvania students, researchers and faculty at the many overseas programs in Israel (such as those of Temple University, Drexel University, University of Pennsylvania, and various Jewish and Christian religious seminaries), as well as business travelers in the country, heighten situational awareness at this time. Security risks come from violent protests and lone-wolf attacks, as well as organized terrorism. ITRR further recommends adhering carefully to any instructions provided by Israeli security forces.

More generally, all Israeli-identified assets worldwide are currently under increased risk of uncontrolled protests or physical attack. Such assets include high-profile Jewish institutions, synagogues or communal events (including pro-Israel rallies and counter-protests that may be called in reaction to events in the Middle East). Personnel with assets in proximity to Israeli or Jewish assets should be prepared to respond to collateral damage as a result of acts of violence aimed at the Israeli assets.

ITRR researchers are continuing to monitor jihadist and anarchist communications for indications of lone-wolf calls to arms or protest events in Pennsylvania.

9. ***Kurdish Terrorism Increases in Turkey***

(Istanbul) On Tuesday, 8 June 2010, seventeen people were injured when a remote-controlled IED was detonated alongside a bus carrying police officers. While no individual or organization has claimed responsibility for the attack as of this Bulletin, it is widely assumed to be the work of Kurdish terrorists, possibly from the **KURDISTAN WORKERS PARTY** (**PKK**).

Also on Tuesday, five people were arrested for their involvement with PKK terrorism. The suspects are accused of perpetrating two bombings in Istanbul, as well as seven other related charges.

In what may be seen as a possible trigger for the attack, Turkish warplanes bombed a PKK camp in northern Iraq on Monday. It was the third bombing raid in Iraqi Kurdish areas in about one month, with some armed clashes between PKK and Turkish forces during the same period.

For its part, the PKK declared a year-long unilateral ceasefire with the Turks to be broken as of this month. On 31 May 2010, PKK forces killed six Turkish soldiers in a rocket attack on a military command post in southern Turkey and on 30 May 2010 Kurdish terrorists attacked a Turkish mining company.

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

The spring and summer period tend to bring stepped-up Turkish operations against the Kurdish insurgents, as well as increased activity by Kurdish terrorist forces based in Iraq. This seasonal factor, the PKK's declared renewal of attacks (regardless of the actual observance of the previous unilateral ceasefire) and Turkish counterterror initiatives, as well as the December 2009 declaration by the **FREEDOM HAWKS OF KURDISTAN** (**FHK**) terrorist group explicitly threatening Turkish cities, all indicate a period of increased risk in Turkey at the present time. Preferred potential targets for Kurdish terror cells include government and military assets, as well as high-profile tourist or cultural venues.

ITRR recommends that faculty and students attending the Philadelphia-based American Research Institute in Turkey (ARIT) facilities in Ankara and Istanbul, as well as University of Pittsburgh summer school students in the country, be advised to maintain heightened situational awareness at the current time. ITRR further recommends adhering carefully to any instructions provided by Turkish security forces.

Sectors: COMMERCIAL FACILITIES, ENERGY AND GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

10. *Yet More Anti-BP Protests, Including in PA*

A date for yet more protests against the BP energy corporation has been shared in anarchist, environmentalist and anti-capitalist forums. According to various communications, numerous anti-BP demonstrations will be held on 12 June 2010 and thereafter. Although most of the protests are in the CONUS, numerous other cities worldwide will have similar rallies.

As of this writing, 12 June 2010 demonstrations are planned for cities in California, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Massachussets, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Texas and Washington. In Canada, anti-BP rallies are expected on that date in Montreal, Halifax, Charlottetown, Cornwall and Calgary. Outside North America, protests will take place in Brazil, Germany, New Zealand, Panama and South Africa.

In Pennsylvania, a "Seize BP" protest is scheduled for 9 June 2010 across from Philadelphia's City Hall. In addition, activists have called for anti-BP protests in the Roxborough section of Philadelphia on 14 June 2010 (at the BP Station at the corner of Ridge Ave. and Shawmont Ave.) and in Flourtown on 15 June 2010 (at the BP Station on 1674 Bethlehem Pike). Both events are scheduled to start at 5:00 pm. On 12 June 2010at 4:00 pm, a protest is scheduled to occur outside of Patrick Murphy's office, 72 North Main Street, Doylestown.

Pennsylvania-based activists will demand, along with common nationwide themes of anti-BP protests, "higher gas taxes in Pennsylvania, more and better public transportation" and "a moratorium on all new natural gas drilling in the Marcellus Shale" area.

The number of protest sites and dates continues to increase as the target date approaches.

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

ITRR analysts note that the above calls for anti-BP demonstrations come on the heels of two previous calls to "seize BP:"

- the radical anti-capitalist **ANSWER COALITION** called for "actions" against BP from 3-5 June 2010 (as cited in PAIB No. 93)
- an identical call was issued on 12 May 2010 (as cited in PAIB No. 82)

A campaign to blockade BP service stations nationwide was also announced around that time (as cited in PAIB No. 80; provided therein is a list of BP stations in Pennsylvania).

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.

Security personnel and law enforcement should be aware of the planned protests, which may include illegal or violent "direct action" by radical anti-capitalist, anarchist or environmentalist elements in attendance. Primarily, however, law enforcement is likely to have to focus on crowd control, as well as identifying and isolating uncontrolled participants. Most of the planned protests and disorders on 12 June 2010 are slated to last approximately two hours.

ITRR analysts note that communities that see the above protests may have an increase in subsequent vandalism targeting local BP assets. This increased potential for significant vandalism will likely continue through 27 June 2010 (the period of the G20 meeting in Toronto). In addition, communities with significant anarchist populations are likely to see anti-BP or anti-oil-industry demonstrations and actions during the aforementioned period.

Sectors: Commercial Facilities and Government Facilities

11. *Anarchists Target German-American Chamber of Commerce in Philadelphia*

Anarchist and socialist activists are preparing to protest at a 10 June 2010 presentation by the consul general of Germany at the Union League in Philadelphia (140 South Broad St.). Consul General Dr. Horst Freitag is scheduled to address a gathering hosted by the German-American Chamber of Commerce, the American Council on Germany, the American Jewish Committee, the German Society of Pennsylvania, the Greater Northeast Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce and the Steuben Day Observance Association.

Protest organizers note that the consul general's presentation coincides with a German appeals court hearing on the status of the **Free Workers' Union** (**FAU**), an anarchist organization that was ordered by a Berlin court to cease using the term "union" and acting as such. The protest is intended to show solidarity with the FAU.

Anarchist communications regarding the protest emphasize that "we will want to be present in force by 11:30am, to make people aware of this issue."

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

In January 2010, the FAU called for broader international solidarity actions outside German institutions, companies and diplomatic missions. In response, anarchists identified the following in the Pittsburgh region alone:

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

As noted in PAIB No. 36, the **PITTSBURGH ORGANIZING GROUP** (POG), an anarchist and anti-authoritarian organization, called for a rally in support of the FAU outside the offices of Germany's honorary consul in Pittsburgh. At the time, protesters were called upon to "bring flags and messages of support." However, the POG warned, "If the issue remains unresolved we will consider potentially more direct ways of increasing pressure locally."

ITRR is unaware at this time if a police permit was obtained for the 10 June protest in Philadelphia. Primarily, ITRR analysts believe, law enforcement is likely to have to focus on crowd control, as well as identifying and isolating protesters aiming to instigate more radical "direct action." Security personnel and law enforcement should be made aware of the potential for vandalism or confrontational protest tactics by anarchists.

In addition, German or German-identified facilities in Pennsylvania and other states with significant anarchist activity may see a small increase in risk levels in the wake of the anti-German protest in Philadelphia. Of note as potential instigators in this regard, in addition to the POG, are members of the NEAN mentioned previously.

No actionable intelligence at this time for the following sectors:

AGRICULTURE AND FOOD
BANKING AND FINANCE
CHEMICAL
COMMUNICATIONS
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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CRITICAL (Level 1)	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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