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### ONGOING RESEARCH

#### **1. May to be a 'Month of Anarchy'**

The Northeast Anarchist Network (NEAN) called upon "anarchists, anti-authoritarians and other comrades to turn this May (2010) into a Month of Anarchy, throughout the Northeast and beyond." ITRR analysts believe that NEAN will be stepping up its activities (legal and illegal) in the northeastern United States following its latest planning activities and through May 2010. In addition, there remains the risk that non-local Anarchist cells will adopt more radical behavior than their local counterparts. ITRR researchers are monitoring the Anarchist networks for targeting indicators in Pennsylvania. (PAIB no. 50)

#### **2. Housing Foreclosure Protests to Increase**

What activists are calling "foreclosure resistance" - including trespassing, property occupations, vandalism, and other "direct action" - is steadily becoming a focus for anarchist, communist and socialist groups nationwide. Such actions and training for such actions are ramping up, with American anarchist groups learning from more aggressive housing rights groups across the Atlantic. (PAIB nos. 37, 42 and 44)

#### **3. 'Direct Action' Targeting Energy Industry**

Anti-coal mining activists and related organizations have recently been increasing training and actions targeting the coal industry and related facilities. Training sessions in West Virginia and Virginia have focused on "skills and knowledge" regarding tactics for "direct action". Eco-extremist and anti-capitalist communications of 8 January 2010 and thereafter include explicit calls for sabotage of major facilities and murder. Primary targets will continue to be coal and nuclear energy facilities, as well as nuclear waste transit points. ITRR analysts identified several

specific assets and industries that may be targets for eco-activist "direct action" in Pennsylvania, including branches of financial institutions such as JP Morgan Chase, Citi Bank, Goldman Sachs and Bank of America. Other companies identified as targets of ecological activists were coal companies involved in open pit or "mountain top removal" coal operations, power companies that burn this coal, and the offices of Duke Energy. (PAIB nos. 2, 20, 32, 33 and 43)

#### ***4. Anti-Nuclear Weapons Day of Action***

Anti-nuclear weapons activists are planning and perpetrating "direct actions" as practical field training leading up to an International Day of Action on 3 April 2010, slated to be an International Day of Action to ban nuclear weapons. Activists have been called upon to engage in mass direct actions in Europe, with possible solidarity "actions" in North America. Although not weapons bases, nuclear facilities such as those of Beaver Valley, Limerick, Peach Bottom and Three Mile Island may be targeted for protests. Additionally, environmental activists have repeatedly cited Pennsylvania as a leader in nuclear waste production (although the state does not have a disposal site), and nuclear waste through shipments. In solidarity with the Belgian activists, who are spearheading the April event and pre-event training, Pennsylvania-region anti-nuclear-weapons activists may also hold protests at Belgium's diplomatic offices in Media and in Pittsburgh. (PAIB nos. 44 and 50)

#### ***5. Eco-Activist Trial to Generate Protests***

Pennsylvania-based climate activists may take up the call issued regarding the Salt Lake City trial of eco-activist Tim DeChristopher for local actions and protests. The target date is currently mid-March, but organizing and training related to protest "civil disobedience" or "direct action" may precede that time. (PAIB no. 46)

#### ***6. Seal Hunt Protests Target Canadian Assets***

The activist Global Justice for Animals and the Environment organization is calling for global protests against Canada's seal hunt. A target of such protests in Pennsylvania will likely focus on the Canadian Consulate in Philadelphia (1650 Market Street), while protests in previous years also targeted the Red Lobster restaurant chain (which purchases Canadian fish). (PAIB no. 44)

#### ***7. Jihadists Focus on Sports Venues***

Recent jihadist communications have focused on tactics and strategies for attacks on sports events, using sports paraphernalia or infiltration of sports stadiums. The explicit reference to sports venues dovetailed with previous jihadist tactical communications regarding the use of Western-born terrorists wearing inconspicuous, appropriate clothing. This intelligence takes on added urgency due to the ongoing Vancouver Olympics, as well as high-profile professional and collegiate sporting events in Pennsylvania. (PAIB nos. 42 and 47)

### ***8. Increase in Greek Anarchist Terror***

Recent events in Greece are indicators of renewed vigorous anarchist activity there. ITRR analysts further expect a continuing increase in anarchist protest actions, vandalism and terror attacks in Greece. There is also a likelihood of protests and possible sympathetic violence abroad. Students and faculty participating in programs in Greece from institutions such as Pennsylvania State University, Arcadia University, Haverford and Bryn Mawr Colleges, Carnegie Mellon University, and others, should be made aware of the increased risk of anarchist violence in the country. Business travelers are advised to maintain situational awareness regarding local developments, including threats to local banking and state institutions. (PAIB no. 36 and 38)

### ***9. India Confronting Violent Jihad, Separatism and Communism***

India has recently seen a notable increase in jihadist, Communist and separatist terrorism throughout the country, with the latest deadly bombing attack targeting a foreign bakery in Pune. In the wake of the bombing, India has moved to high alert. Aside from the general increased risk of jihadist attacks in the major cities (Delhi, Kolkata and Mumbai specifically), there has been a jihadist focus on the Jammu and Kashmir regions. In addition, there is a small, extremely limited risk of jihadist lone-wolf targeting of Indian assets in Pennsylvania, such as Hindu and Sikh temples or activities of the Indian Cultural Association of Pennsylvania (ICAP). The uptick in Communist and regional insurgent attacks was noted in October 2009 and has yet to abate. (PAIB 44, 41 and 47)

### ***10. Turkey: Kurdish Unrest Expected; Possible Attacks in Planning Stages***

Turkish authorities expect that the Kurdish Communities Union (KCK) will hold large, unruly and potentially violent protests in the eastern and southeastern provinces of Turkey from 15 February 2010 until March 21. In December, the Freedom Hawks of Kurdistan (FHK) issued a clear and explicit threat against Turkish cities. ITRR recommends that faculty and students attending the Philadelphia-based American Research Institute in Turkey (ARIT) facilities in Ankara and Istanbul, as well as at other regional institutions, increase situational awareness. (PAIB nos. 23 and 41)

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

**Sectors:** COMMERCIAL FACILITIES; GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

### **14. Sikh Terrorists Want to Recruit in US**

A Sikh terrorist group based in Pakistan is seeking recruits from the United States and India, apparently with the objective of injecting fresh blood into the organization's activities in the Punjab region of India.

Intelligence reports leaked to the media allegedly show that the head of the Babbar Khalsa separatist group met with officials of Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) and plans "to mobilise volunteers from Punjab as also from the US, who could be made to travel to India via Malaysia or Singapore."

In related incidents:

\* Shrines in Amritsar, the Nangal Dam and Punjab railway stations have been identified as potential targets for Punjab-area terror cells.

\* On 21 February 2010 police in Patiala, in India's Punjab, arrested two people allegedly planning large-scale bombings on behalf of the Khalistan Liberation Front terrorist group. Also confiscated from the suspects were eight kilograms of explosives, 40 rods of gelatin and two pistols.

\* On 25 January 2010 police discovered an IED in a car near an Indian air force base in Halwara, in India's Punjab. The would-be bombers apparently failed in an attempt to detonate the VBIED at or near the military facility.

\* On 23 January 2010 two grenades were found outside an Indian air force base near Chandigarh, capital of Punjab and Haryana.

\* On 19 January 2010 police discovered several kilograms of explosives placed outside an Indian Oil LPG bottling plant, also in Patiala.

Security measures have reportedly been reinforced across Punjab in reaction to the intelligence alerts.

In September 2009 a deadly hour-long exchange of gunfire with a wanted Babbar Khalsa terrorist in a Punjab-area train station led to the death of one civilian.

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

**T/I/W Rating: LOW (PA) - MODERATE (India)**

ITRR analysts note that aside from Babbar Khalsa, other terror groups to be aware of are Khalistan Zindabad Force (KZF), Khalistan Commando Force, and others.

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 major Indian cities. Potential targets of Sikh

separatists include train stations in Punjab, major regional Indian facilities, such as the Bhakra Nangal Dam, and central bus stations. Sikh terrorists have used IEDs, suicide bombings, firearm assaults and assassinations.

Indian targets, including certain Sikh temples, outside the subcontinent may be singled out by elements sympathetic to the Khalistan (Sikh homeland) cause. Last year, Khalistan Zindabad Force terrorists claimed to have gunned down a leader of one of the Sikh community's sects in a shooting attack on a temple in Vienna, Austria. The attack was allegedly conducted because he was not sufficiently sympathetic to their cause.

In light of the foregoing, there is an existent, but very limited risk to Indian assets in Pennsylvania, such as Hindu and Sikh temples or activities of the Indian Cultural Association of Pennsylvania (ICAP). Pennsylvania has been a relatively active Sikh center in recent years, with temples (gurdwaras) in Bethel, Monroeville (the temple is part of the Tri State Sikh Cultural Society on McKenzie Dr.), Millbourne (home of the Philadelphia Sikh Society), Nazareth and Tatamy.

Of particular note is the Shri Guru Ravidass Sabha in Pittsburgh (2150 Crestview Drive), because it belongs to the same sect as the temple that was attacked in Vienna last year. In addition, the Sikh community sponsors a camp known as the Lohgarh Retreat near the town of Chambersburg (on property also known as Camp Robinhood).

#### **Sectors: GOVERNMENT FACILITIES**

##### ***15. West Chester Activists Hope to 'Build Momentum'***

An anti-war activist group in West Chester, Pennsylvania, is seeking to mobilize people in the community to join Funk the War and ANSWER Coalition demonstrations in Washington, DC, this March. As part of that effort, the Armchair Revolutionaries Collective is "working... to build momentum" with "a week of events against the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan...." They say they will be collaborating with Students for a Democratic Society "and other local anti-war organizations."

Thus far, the group has: lectured to college students; taken part in a protest organized by the West Chester University branch of Students for a Democratic Society in opposition to the troop surge in Afghanistan. They called the war "an effect of the capitalist symptom"; and some members have helped put out a radical newsletter.

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

**T//W Rating: LOW**

The Armchair Revolutionaries Collective and other anti-war groups are likely to successfully organize activities in the greater West Chester region to "build momentum" for the Washington rallies. Protests may target political offices, military recruiting stations or related facilities, while rallies may be held on university campuses and key traffic intersections. ITRR is monitoring anti-war activist communications for additional planning related to Pennsylvania assets.

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

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DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL BASES  
ENERGY  
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  
POSTAL AND SHIPPING  
TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS

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LOW (Level 4)	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.
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.
SEVERE (Level 2)	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.
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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