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### ONGOING RESEARCH

#### 1. **Al-Qaeda Branches Seeking Collaboration on Maritime Terrorism**

ITRR researchers have noted continuous planning for the targeting and disruption of international maritime traffic in the Arabian Peninsula region, with a specific focus on Bab Al-Mandab and collaboration between Arabian and African Al-Qaeda branches. ITRR analysis: the intent of the aforementioned maritime terror operation would be, among other things, to cause a direct effect on Western-bound shipping in the region. Such an attack strategy, if successful, can be expected to affect energy supplies to the Pennsylvania region, as well. Most recently, Yemen this week has increased security around oil and maritime installations in the Arabian Peninsula region. (PAIB nos. 50 & 56)

#### 2. **Expected Greater Flare-Up in Greek Anarchist Violence**

Police shot and killed a 35-year-old anarchist and alleged terrorist named Lambros Fountas on 10 March 2010 in Athens. Anarchist reaction included arson and vandalism. Previously, police and youth clashed in the streets over the Greek government's proposed austerity measures. 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. There is also a potential of protests and possible sympathetic violence abroad. ( PAIB nos. 36, 38 & 59)

### **3. *Anarchists Gearing Up for G8/G20 Meetings***

Starting the process towards a successful demonstration 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 April and June 2010. ITRR analysis: the Northeast Anarchist Network (NEAN) will increase its activities (both legal and illegal) in the northeastern United States through May 2010 (billed as a "Month of Anarchy"). ITRR researchers are currently monitoring the anarchist networks for targeting indicators in Pennsylvania. (PAIB nos. 50 & 59)

### **4. *'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 Jan 2010 and thereafter include explicit calls for sabotage of major facilities and murder. 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 & 43)

### **5. *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 Apr 2010, slated to be an International Day of Action to ban nuclear weapons. (PAIB nos. 44, 50 & 57)

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

India has recently seen a notable increase in jihadist, Communist and separatist terrorism throughout the country. 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. Recent explicit threats include:

- an ultimatum to all non-Manipuri people living in the northeastern state of Manipur to leave by 31 Mar 2010 or "face action" against them;
- a Maoist Communist threat to attack major cities and towns if the administration does not immediately enter into negotiations;
- planned, Communist terrorists attacks against power plants in Orissa state

ITRR Analysis: a low, extremely limited risk of jihadist lone-wolf targeting of Indian assets in Pennsylvania (e.g., Hindu and Sikh temples or activities of the Indian Cultural Association of Pennsylvania (ICAP). The increase in Communist and regional insurgent attacks was noted in October 2009; it has yet to abate. (PAIB 44, 41, 47 & 58)

### 7. *Jihadists Reminded: Target the Chinese*

ITRR analysts have identified a jihadist call to target personnel and assets of the People's Republic of China (PRC) within the Chinese state and globally. Previous attacks - both in Xinjiang, China, and elsewhere - have ranged from bombings to ambushes with small-arms fire. Organizations in close proximity to high-profile Chinese assets or groups should take note of increased pressure to target these assets by lone-wolf or small unit terror organizations. Within China, students and faculty from Pennsylvania colleges taking part in International Student Exchange Programs (ISEP) (e.g., **Indiana University of Pennsylvania** exchange students, as well as **University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine** exchange students should be made aware of the specific regional risks in western China. (PAIB no. 55)

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

Sector: COMMERCIAL FACILITIES

### 8. *Animal Rights Extremists: 'Negotiation is Over'*

On Saturday, 6 Mar 2010, author Lierre Keith was hit with three separate pies, which were allegedly laced with pepper spray, in the middle of a speech she was delivering at the San Francisco Anarchist Book Fair advocating a meat-based diet. The attackers - identified by animal rights communications as "three masked vegan warriors" - evaded arrest.

In a discussion and analysis of the "pieing" incident in animal rights activist communications, some praised the assault, saying it demonstrated "with action, and not words, that the time for polite discussion with those who oppress animals has expired, or as some have phrased it, 'Negotiation is Over'."

Calling the "pieing" and subsequent disruption "resistance," the communications ridiculed and belittled "pathologically pacifist vegans who decry the use of measured force to stop a much greater physical violence."

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

T/I/W Rating: MODERATE

Animal rights activists promoting actions such as the above incident provided their own analysis of the event: "The action in San Francisco appears to highlight the increasingly militant stance taken by those willing to defend non-human animals lives with their own." ITRR analysts do not necessarily endorse this analysis; rather, they see it more as an attempt by extremists to motivate their cadres with the hope of generating precisely that "increasingly militant stance" they claim already exists.

ITRR researchers have identified the following events in **Philadelphia** that pose a risk of attracting similar "vegan warriors," to borrow the phrase:

\* On 17 Mar 2010, animal rights activists are slated to protest outside **Trader Joe's** (2121 Market St.). Other Trader Joe's outlets that may be targeted for protest include those in **Ardmore** (112 Coulter Ave.), **Jenkintown** (933 Old York Rd.), **Media** (12 E State St.), **Wayne** (171 E Swedesford Rd.), and elsewhere.

\* On 18 Mar 2010, animal rights activists will be protesting against the Philadelphia Zoo at **Loews Hotel** (1200 Market St.), where the Zoo is holding a Global Conservation Gala.

ITRR analysts believe that local police have knowledge of the foregoing protest events in Philadelphia. ITRR has no specific information at this time regarding police permits sought for additional protests targeting other Trader Joe's facilities.

### **Sector: COMMERCIAL FACILITIES**

#### **9. 'Real' Environmentalists Called Upon to Prevent 'Greenwashing' in Pittsburgh**

Activist communications discussing an upcoming event in Pittsburgh promoting political initiatives for the environment, known as *Green Drinks*, have dismissed the event as "greenwashing" (meaning, using insignificant gestures to cover up what the activists see as far more egregious harm to the environment).

The environmentalist activist describing the event added: "It would be great if the real environmental movement could show up to Green Drinks and let Dan [Onorato] know that MTR coal and large shopping centers are not 'green.' I hope we won't let Dan greenwash his record in Southwestern Pennsylvania." The reference is to County Executive Dan Onorato, accused by activists of accepting campaign donations from coal mining interests and supporting large development projects, as well as being "responsible for the violations of Freedom of Speech and Right to Assemble of the Climate Camp during the G20."

The Green Drinks event is slated for 19 Mar 2010 at **Mitchell's Restaurant, Bar & Banquet Center** (304 Ross St. and Third Ave.). Green Drinks is regularly held on the third Friday of each month.

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

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

ITRR Analysis: There is a risk of aggressive environmental activists taking illegal or disruptive actions at the upcoming Green Drinks event. A contributing factor may be the inspiration offered recently by animal rights extremists praising physical assaults on opponents (see above, "Animal Rights Extremists: 'Negotiation is Over,'" herein). In addition, of motivational relevance is a recent direct action by Greenpeace activists in France, who succeeded in blocking a train with radioactive waste bound for Russia, shutting down the rail line for four hours.

Sector: GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

**10. Israel: Police Prepare for More Rioting, 'Rage' and Terror**

Following a steadily escalating series of clashes in the city, low-level attacks on civilians and security officers in the larger region, and several *Kassam* rocket launchings in southern Israel, the municipality of Jerusalem is on high alert at this time in anticipation of additional violent rioting by incited Arab Muslim youth. Adding to the security strain is the lifting of a closure that was imposed on the West Bank over the past three days in an effort to contain terrorist violence.

The jihadist *Hamas* organization, currently ruling in Gaza, called for "a day of rage" on Tuesday, 16 Mar 2010. Hamas further called on Muslims and Arab states ("with warplanes and armies") to strike deep inside Israel. The ostensible spark for the "rage" was the opening of a rebuilt ancient synagogue in Jerusalem's Old City.

Tuesday saw the most serious of recent rioting, with dozens of masked Palestinian youth violently clashing with police in Jerusalem for several hours. In addition to rocks and other projectiles thrown at police during the rioting, at least one border guard jeep was set aflame by a firebomb in a separate incident. Nearly 70 rioters were arrested and over 100 people were injured, including eight law enforcement officers. Other, less violent protests took place in separate parts of the city.

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

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

Although the height of the escalating rioting and the "day of rage" appear to have been limited to Tuesday only, ITRR analysts note that Friday is the most important weekly day of prayer for Muslims. It has often been used as a platform for religious incitement against Israel, followed by stepped up rioting in the country.

Pennsylvania students, researchers and faculty attending overseas programs in Israel (e.g., **Temple University**, **Drexel University**, and various Jewish and Christian religious seminaries), as well as business travelers in the country, should be advised of the increased unrest at this time. Visitors are advised to avoid trips to eastern Jerusalem and other regional flashpoints at this time and to adhere to guidance provided by local security forces.

Of significance is that the recent Jerusalem unrest comes on the heels of what anti-Israel activists called International Israeli Apartheid Week (see PAIB no. 50). This, ITRR analysts believe, increases the likelihood of freshly motivated protests, "direct action" or more serious attacks targeting Israeli-identified facilities outside the country. In Pennsylvania, this primarily means the Israeli consulate in **Philadelphia**; however, potential targets for vandalism or lone-wolf terrorism in the region include any high-profile Jewish institution, synagogue or communal event.

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

AGRICULTURE AND FOOD  
BANKING AND FINANCE  
CHEMICAL  
COMMUNICATIONS  
CRITICAL MANUFACTURING  
DAMS  
DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL BASE  
EMERGENCY SERVICES  
ENERGY  
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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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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