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ACTIONABLE DATE REMINDERS

- **31 May 2010:** The Memorial Day Parade in Philadelphia is a highly symbolic event and location. As lone-wolf, small-cell and international jihadist cells have all targeted such events and locations in the recent past, security personnel are advised to heighten situational awareness around the parade, including recruiting civilian vendors and others in the parade vicinity as intelligence multipliers.
- **1 June 2010:** A rally to support suspected jihadist terrorists, the "Fort Dix 5", will take place at the US Court House at 601 Market Street in Philadelphia.
- **1-6 June 2010:** A pro-immigration, anti-border organization known as Stop Deportation, in conjunction with other anti-nationalist groups, has called for a series of actions and protests for what it is calling the European Week of Action Against the Deportation Machine. Targets of their actions include governmental and private facilities.
- **3 June 2010:** A coalition of anti-war groups will be holding a street protest with the theme, "Funding for Philadelphia, Not for War!" at 40th and Market Streets in Philadelphia. ITRR researchers note that two different times have been announced for the start of the protest - 4:30PM and 5:30PM.

- **5 June 2010:** The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) will be holding World Environment Day events in Pittsburgh. 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.
- **5 June-13 June 2010:** Pittsburgh Gay Pride 2010 events include: **5 June** - Dyke and Trans March starting in Morrow Triangle; **12 June** - Pride in the Street outdoor party; **13 June** - Pride Awareness March and concluding festival. These annual events take on significance as actionable dates due to recent anti-gay chatter among right-wing militia supporters currently under review by ITRR domestic terrorism analysts. As of this date, no specific targeting has been identified by ITRR.
- **8 June 2010:** The Constitutional Organization Of Liberty (COOL), an organization "dedicated to helping reintroduce to the people of Pennsylvania the principles and ideals upon which this republic and this commonwealth were established," is sponsoring the Second Annual State Capitol Taxpayers' Protest in Harrisburg.
- **11 June-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. More broadly, recent jihadist communications have focused on tactics and strategies for attacks on sports events, which take on added urgency due to ongoing high-profile professional and collegiate sporting events in Pennsylvania.
- **13 June 2010:** Philadelphia hosts the well-attended and popular Philly LGBT Pride Parade and Festival. These annual events take on significance as actionable dates due to recent anti-gay chatter among right-wing militia supporters currently under review by ITRR domestic terrorism analysts. As of this date, no specific targeting has been identified by ITRR.

- **19 June 2010:** Worldwide animal rights groups will be marking the International Day of Action for Elephants in Zoos. In Pennsylvania, activists are planning to protest at the main entrance of the Philadelphia Zoo on this day.
- **25 June 2010:** Sentencing date for convicted Pennsylvania militia member Marvin Hall. One of five members of two militia groups operating in Clarion and Clearfield counties who were charged with weapons violations, he pleaded guilty in January 2010.
- **25-27 June 2010:** Let Live Conference at Portland State University in Oregon. Described as aimed at "build[ing] a stronger, more effective community and animal liberation movement." Likely to have an impact on animal rights activism nationwide.

SECTOR-SPECIFIC THREATS, INDICATORS AND/OR WARNINGS

Sectors: COMMERCIAL FACILITIES; GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

1. Special Update: Deadly Violence Aboard Gaza Flotilla

According to open sources, online live video clips and unofficial security reports, serious violence ensued when Israeli forces boarded ships taking part in an attempt to force their way through an Israeli sea embargo on the Hamas regime (see PAIB no. 91). In the ensuing clashes, an unknown number of activists were killed during clashes with Israeli forces and reports indicate that dozens were injured. At least ten Israeli soldiers were injured in the confrontation.

IDF reports indicate that passengers on the Gaza-bound flotilla attacked the soldiers with weapons, including knives and live fire.

In reaction to the events, Israeli Arab leaders have called for a general strike and protest marches. The Islamist Hamas regime in Gaza has called for a Day of Rage and a general strike, while the Palestinian Authority has called for three days of mourning. Israeli security forces are currently on alert for disturbances countrywide, with particular emphasis on Jerusalem's Old City, Jaffa and the central Galilee.

Elsewhere, dozens of people have been demonstrating in front of the Israeli consulate in Istanbul, Turkey, and in Jordan. Similar demonstrations took place in several Arab countries.

*******ANALYSIS*******

T/I/W Rating: MODERATE-to-SEVERE

As of this writing, ITRR researchers are assessing the global response to this incident, including in jihadist and anarchist circles. Adversary communications will be monitored for lone wolf calls to arms.

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 terror attacks. ITRR further recommends adhering carefully to any instructions provided by Israeli security forces.

Worldwide, many demonstrations against Israel are expected to be concentrated on Israeli embassies and consulates in coming days. Such demonstrations may turn very violent. Furthermore, all Israeli-identified assets worldwide are under increased threat of uncontrolled protests or physical attack. In Pennsylvania, this primarily means the Israeli consulate in Philadelphia.

As noted in PAIB no. 91, the Gaza coast events may add fuel to the fire of increased chatter noted by TAM-C analysts among jihadists, anarchists and radical anti-war elements discussing hostile attacks on Jewish and Israeli assets worldwide, such as high-profile Jewish institutions, synagogues or communal events.

Sectors: COMMERCIAL FACILITIES; GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

2. Anti-Mosque Protest Near New York's 'Ground Zero'

New York City municipal authorities have approved the construction of a 14-story mega-mosque and Muslim cultural center near "Ground Zero", the site of the 11 September 2001 terrorist attacks that brought down the Twin Towers. In reaction, a group known as Stop Islamization of America (SIOA) is planning to protest against the decision on 6 June 2010 just outside Zuccotti Park.

The protesters see the construction of a mosque in the area where a mass murder was perpetrated by Muslim fundamentalists as insensitive.

The new center is to be named Cordoba House, recalling the Spanish city of the same name that was conquered and ruled by Islamic rulers for 525 years. It is expected to open its doors on the tenth anniversary of the 9/11 attacks.

***** **ANALYSIS** *****

T/I/W Rating: MODERATE

ITRR analysts note that the protest was moved out of Zuccotti Park after police withdrew a permit issued earlier for the event in the park. TAM-C researchers do not know at this time if the protesters have obtained or will require a new police permit to go forward.

While law enforcement will be primarily called upon to focus on crowd control, there is also the possibility of counter-protests at or near the event.

In Pennsylvania, Muslim community activists may seek to express their rage over the anti-mosque activism in New York in either organized or spontaneous protests. Additionally, anti-Muslim protests or vandalism may be initiated in response to the events. Red flag dates for such incidents include the planned SIOA protest day and thereafter.

Sectors: GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

3. Communist Separatists Launch Major Rail Attack in India

On 28 May 2010, nearly 150 people were killed when railway sabotage perpetrated by a Communist (Naxalite) terror cell caused a passenger train to derail and crash directly into the path of a cargo train. The attack took place in eastern West Bengal. The saboteurs, who left pamphlets at the scene, were apparently from the People's Committee against Police Atrocities (PCPA), a splinter of the larger Naxalite separatist groups operating in the area.

According to police, the terrorists abducted a railway lineman, threatening him and his family, and forced him to release clips holding the rails in place. It took two days for normal rail service to be reinstated.

As part of their ongoing and escalating campaign, the Naxalites have targeted railway lines and stations approximately six times thus far in 2010. In April of this year, a Naxalite cell perpetrated what was the insurgents' deadliest attack (until this past week) when, on 6 April 2010,

approximately 75 security personnel were killed in an ambush in Chhattisgarh. The attack was apparently a coordinated, multifaceted assault involving 700 insurgents, who made use of both IEDs and gunfire.

*******ANALYSIS*******

T//W Rating: MODERATE-to-SEVERE

The Communist separatists in India have once again increased the severity of their attacks, as part of what ITRR analysts identified in previous PAIB editions as an escalating terror campaign. The entrenched Naxalite and regional insurgencies are pressing ahead, despite intermittent counterterror successes.

ITRR analysts reiterate that the Indian states most vulnerable to Communist or separatist attacks include: Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Orissa, Bihar, Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand. Manipur has also come under a terrorist threat that was more ethnically or regionally motivated, rather than politically ideological in nature.

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 the aforementioned regions. Travel in such areas should be avoided or carried out with proper local guidance.

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
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
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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