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ON-GOING, STRATEGIC-LEVEL ANALYSIS

1. **Al-Qaeda's No. 3 Taken Out: Practical Security Consequences**

AL-QAEDA has acknowledged in an official statement that *Mustafa Abu Al-Yazid*, assumed to be number three in Al-Qaeda's hierarchy, has been killed in an American missile strike in Pakistan. The organization claimed that his wife and three daughters were also killed in the attack.

ITRR analysts see this targeted killing as significant for Al-Qaeda in that it will be under great pressure to perpetrate high-profile attacks to prove that its capabilities remain consistent regardless of the loss of any single leader. In addition, any new attacks by jihadist forces affiliated with Al-Qaeda can be billed as "revenge" for the Abu Al-Yazid elimination.

Such a scenario is common to jihadist and other terrorist groups operating worldwide. In the case of Al-Qaeda, a recent example of this phenomenon came in the aftermath of the allied elimination of Al-Qaeda's Iraqi leaders *Abu Omar Al-Baghdadi* and *Abu Hamza Al-Muhajir*. Their deaths resulted in attempts by Al-Qaeda groups and affiliates to perpetrate high-profile reprisal attacks; these included the failed Times Square car-bombing last month.

As noted last week (PAIB No. 91) for Al-Qaeda, the entire world - and certainly the Islamic world - is a single theater with many individual fronts. This means that successful counterterrorism efforts in Pakistan, such as those occurring this week, may engender retaliatory attacks almost anywhere else in the world Al-Qaeda feels it has the capability and opportunity to act. This is a major force multiplier for the movement, with separate compartments globally increasing the likelihood of an available terror cell prepared to take immediate action.

Considering the foregoing, ITRR foresees the likelihood that terror attacks against Western interests will be attempted as revenge for *Abu Al-Yazid's* death in the near term. Such reprisal attacks, or previously planned attacks reassigned as "reprisals," will most likely take place in areas in which Al-Qaeda is strong or has strong relationships with local jihadist groups (e.g., Yemen, Iraq, Somalia, Kenya, Afghanistan, Pakistan and North Africa. However, as in the Times Square attempted "revenge attack," the possibility of an incident targeting assets on American soil or within Europe can in no way be ruled out at this stage.

ITRR analysts note that facilities with any connection to the West, including consulates, embassies, hotels, non-governmental organizations and Western companies operating abroad, may become primary jihadist targets. Security personnel responsible for operations in the high-risk areas are cautioned to increase security levels at this time, including awareness of pre-operational surveillance by adversarial elements and extended secure perimeters.

SECTOR-SPECIFIC THREATS, INDICATORS AND/OR WARNINGS

Sector: GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

2. ***Anti-Islamic and Anti-Fascist Rallies Converge in the UK***

Anti-Islamic rallies are scheduled to take place in Cardiff and Swansea in Wales, United Kingdom, on 5 June 2010. The rallies are organized by the Welsh Defence League (WDL), an offshoot of the far-right English Defence League.

In response, the Unite Against Fascism (UAF) organization has announced its own counter-protests that will take place in both cities. They are intending to converge on the same gathering points and at the same times as the WDL in each city (Cathays Park in Cardiff and Castle Park in Swansea).

In another organized reaction to the Saturday WDL event, hundreds of Cardiff taxi drivers are expected to go on strike. The head of the local taxi drivers' association "warned police of the potential for disruption," according to UK media.

Complicating matters is the coincidence of three other events occurring in Cardiff this weekend:

- a Wales-South Africa rugby match at the Millennium Stadium,
- the Stereophonics rock concert at Cardiff City Stadium and
- a Glamorgan-West Indies cricket match at the Swalec Stadium.

Anti-fascists and residents of Wales commenting on the upcoming events indicated an expectation of serious unrest and probable violence. As one comment put it: "The potential for carnage is already pretty fucking high. Add to this the rugby match, the Stereophonics show and the cricket and the whole day is going to be a clusterfuck."

On the same day as the WDL and UAF clashing protests in Wales, Stop the War and the British Muslim Initiative are organizing a conference against Islamophobia at the Camden Centre in London. The event is being held with the support of the National Union of Journalists, UNITE, Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, Palestine Solidarity Campaign, the Islam Channel, a number of mosques and other organizations.

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

ITRR analysts note that English Defence League (EDL) anti-Islam rallies have lately been joined by violent soccer hooligan gangs, as well as neo-Nazi and racist skinhead contingents. At least one of the soccer hooligan gangs, Soul Crew, is from Cardiff and will likely be out in force. Other such gangs have been willing to travel significant distances to join previous EDL rallies in expectation of mob violence.

Students and researchers from Pennsylvania taking part in the many exchange programs in the United Kingdom (such as through the University of Pittsburgh, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Clarion, East Stroudsburg, Mansfield and Westminster) are advised to avoid visiting Cardiff and Swansea this weekend. Especially noteworthy in this regard are University of Pittsburgh students at Aberystwyth University in Wales. If in Cardiff or Swansea, large public gatherings or protests should be avoided as a precautionary measure in light of the likelihood of violent confrontation.

Sectors: BANKING AND FINANCE, EMERGENCY SERVICES, ENERGY AND GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

3. *Anarchist Incitement to 'Attack, Attack, Attack'*

An anarchist communication from an individual sentenced to prison in New York for arson targeting an army recruiting center in 2006, and subsequently charged with assaulting an officer, riot and resisting arrest, calls for aggressive attacks on law enforcement and any other symbols of the state. The anarchist claims he can "say some wild shit that others trying to preserve their relative freedom would be unable to."

The communication says that "the pigs, politicians or bosses ... all have to go." The convicted anarchist fire-bomber says, "When I hear about cops getting attacked in Seattle, I get all jittery and excited. When I read about French workers taking their bosses hostage, I wanted to catch the next plane over."

Moving on to advocate other action against authority, the communication says, "We need to step up our game. ... Given that we're still in a period of 'crisis,' this is the time we need to be hitting the hardest." The anarchist praises direct actions of disruption and vandalism, but adds, "I mean this literally. Solidarity means attack, remember? There have to be real, tangible consequences for the state or capital attacking us."

The communication includes specific guidance for anarchist violence, as well: "Is your neighbor getting evicted? Well, guess what, landlords have addresses. The police are running up on your block to grab somebody? You and your neighbors have to let them know there's gonna be consequences." It goes on to clarify with further examples: "ATTACK ATTACK ATTACK. The only way we're going to be able to maintain any of our efforts at creating liberated spaces is if we go on the offensive. If by day we're running community centers, doing alternative education, fixing bikes, or growing our own food, by night we're attacking the police stations, the business owners, the real estate agencies."

Far more ominously, the anarchist writer also praises "liberation struggles in the 60s and 70s" that included "millions of dollars taken to fund revolutionary activities," "assassinating cops," and "busting comrades out of prison."

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

ITRR analysts note that the above anarchist communication follows on the heels of the **NORTHEAST ANARCHIST NETWORK's** Month of Anarchy in May, as well as a bank fire-bombing and serial bank vandalism in Canada and the US. It is also significant that it was released just ahead of the G8/G20 meetings in Toronto, which anarchist

and affiliated anti-globalist groups are vigorously preparing to disrupt in a myriad of ways.

The new communication is another example of escalated levels of violent incitement among anarchist and far-left groups that has been continuing for more than a year. As noted in several previous PAIB, anarchists outside Greece have repeatedly expressed admiration for the weeks of rioting, vandalism, arson and sabotage that ensued following the shooting death of a youth in Athens in 2008 and in Oakland, California, following the 2009 shooting death of a party-goer there.

Anarchist activities worldwide range from the purely legal (soapbox speeches, community organizing, etc.) to the criminal (squatting, graffiti, trespassing, etc.) to outright terrorist (arson, bombings, etc.). ITRR analysts have previously identified the cross-pollination, inspiration and intelligence-sharing in which such anarchist and affiliated groups engage. Therefore, the indicators identified above point to an increased risk of anarchist activity in the northeastern US at this time.

ITRR researchers are currently monitoring the Anarchist networks for targeting indicators in Pennsylvania.

Sectors: COMMERCIAL FACILITIES AND NATIONAL MONUMENTS & ICONS

4. *Racist and Anti-Racist Radicals May Clash in Gettysburg*

The violently racist White supremacist group known as the **ARYAN NATIONS** is set to hold a rally at **Gettysburg National Military Park on 19 June 2010**. In response to this event, organizations billed as anti-fascist are planning to take unspecified "actions" against the Aryan Nations event.

In typical language used in anarchist communications, the anti-fascists declared, "We will not fucking tolerate this! This is a call for all anti-Fascists, bash back! And any sensible people to show these Nazi mother fuckers what happens when they meet."

The communication also expressed outrage that "permits are given out to allow such events to occur," as the National Park Service approved a permit for the White supremacist gathering.

Some other Adams County groups, including the Gettysburg YWCA, announced plans to hold a peaceful "celebration of diversity" on the same day as the White supremacist rally. ITRR researchers have not yet identified the location for the YWCA event.

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

Anti-Fascist Clashes

ITRR analysts note that the anarchist and other anti-Fascist activists appear to be intending violent disruptions of the Aryan Nations event, regardless of police permits obtained by the neo-Nazi group. Security personnel and law enforcement should be made aware of the potential "direct action" in **Gettysburg**, which may include illegal or violent attacks by radical anti-Fascists or anarchists. Primarily, however, law enforcement is likely to have to focus on crowd control for both the Aryan Nations rally and the "anti-Fa" groups, as well as identifying and isolating uncontrolled participants.

The level of motivation among anarchists for such clashes with the White supremacists may be affected by "Indy" (anarchist-socialist) coverage of events in Wales this weekend, where anti-Fascist groups are expected to clash with Welsh and English far-right nationalists (see herein above).

In addition, there is a smaller risk of anarchist targeting of law enforcement and park service assets. Anarcho-terrorists may see such attacks as appropriate "retaliation" for the rally permit issued to the Aryan Nations and as effective deterrence against the issuing of such permits in the future.

Anti-Gay Incitement

Also of note is that the Aryan Nations gathering organizers are planning to discuss, among other issues, homosexuality in Pennsylvania. This decision takes on significance because **Philadelphia's Gay Pride Parade** is to be held on the previous Sunday, 13 June 2010.

As noted in several recent PAIB, ITRR researchers have recently seen indications of focused anti-gay rhetoric and actions among White supremacists and right-wing militia supporters. Overseas (see PAIB No. 90), dozens of neo-Nazis threw stones, eggs and smoke bombs into crowds taking part in gay pride parades in Eastern Europe, causing the events to be halted. The Aryan Nations rally will undoubtedly contribute to the motivation for anti-gay activities, including violence, among White supremacists in Pennsylvania.

This month, major Pennsylvania gay pride events include

- the 5 June 2010 Dyke and Trans March in **Pittsburgh**
- the 12 June 2010 Pride in the Street outdoor party in **Pittsburgh**
- the 13 June 2010 **Pittsburgh** Gay Pride Awareness March and concluding festival

- and the 13 June 2010 LGBT Pride Parade and Festival in Philadelphia

While these all precede the Aryan Nations rally, anti-gay targeting by neo-Nazis is not be limited to such major events. Anti-gay White supremacist and far-right militia communications are currently under review by ITRR domestic terrorism analysts for indications of such targeting.

Sectors: COMMERCIAL FACILITIES AND GOVERNMENTAL FACILITIES

5. *New Gaza Blockade Runner on its Way*

Another ship carrying 15 international activists and supplies for Gaza, the *MV Rachel Corrie*, is en route to Israeli waters as of this writing. It is expected to reach the Israeli maritime blockade on Saturday morning, according to activists on board.

In the previous Gaza aid flotilla that entered the exclusionary zone on Monday, nine people were killed aboard one of the ships in violence between activists and the Israel Defense Force (IDF) enforcing their blockade.

For their parts, the Israeli government and the IDF insist that no ships will breach the embargo of the *Hamas* regime in Gaza. However, some sources indicate a re-thinking of military attempts to board the *Rachel Corrie*, since such action apparently precipitated the clash on Monday.

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

Assuming there will be a confrontation of some kind between the IDF and the activists aboard the *Rachel Corrie*, ITRR analysts expect a continuation in coming days of worldwide demonstrations against Israel, primarily concentrated on Israeli embassies and consulates, such as the consulate in Philadelphia. Anti-Israel protests in reaction to the confrontation over the first Gaza flotilla have already taken place in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Reading. (It is noteworthy, however, that pro-Gaza activists had planned protests outside Israeli consulates and embassies before the ships reached Israeli waters; their initial intention was to continue protesting until the ships were allowed to dock in Gaza.)

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).

In PAIB No. 93, ITRR noted that jihadist communications have already stepped up discussions of "revenge" targeting of Jews, Israelis and Americans in response to

events on Monday. Such incitement and guidance is expected to continue and to become more concrete in coming days, particularly in the event that the latest blockade-running vessel is boarded by the IDF.

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

No actionable intelligence at this time for the following sectors:

AGRICULTURE AND FOOD
CHEMICAL
COMMUNICATIONS
CRITICAL MANUFACTURING
DAMS
DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL BASES
HEALTHCARE AND PUBLIC HEALTH
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
NUCLEAR REACTORS, MATERIALS AND WASTE
POSTAL AND SHIPPING
TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS
WATER

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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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