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ACTIONABLE DATE REMINDERS

- **29 May 2010:** The US national soccer team is facing the Turkish national team at **Philadelphia's Lincoln Financial Field** for a Send-Off Match before heading to South Africa for the 2010 FIFA World Cup. ITRR analysts see this game as potentially constituting a higher profile target for jihadist elements than other recent sporting events in Pennsylvania due to the national teams involved, the location of the match and the relationship with the 2010 World Cup. It presents a target that lone-wolf or small-cell adversaries may see as more accessible than the South Africa games themselves.
- **29-30 May 2010:** Potential high-profile targets for anti-gun protest activity include **Pennsylvania gun shows** this month, including:
 - **29-30 May 2010** in **Bristol, at Kings Caterers** (4010 New Falls Rd.)
 - **29-30 May 2010** in **Wind Gap, at the Plainfield Township Fire Company Social Hall** (6480 Sullivan Trail).
- **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.

- **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: BANKING AND FINANCE AND COMMERCIAL FACILITIES

1. *Anarchists Targeting Banks Throughout North America*

In addition to the firebombing of the Royal Bank of Canada in Ottawa on 18 May 2010 (discussed in PAIB no. 88), anarchists apparently used glue to jam card readers, cash machines and locks at over 10 banks in Boulder, Colorado, two days earlier. The vandals claimed to be acting as dedicated anti-capitalists, anti-war activists and as environmentalists:

"We recognize that it is these institutions which drive the destruction and dispossession as much as any other, while somehow doing so with a benign acceptance in this and many communities. As long as there are banks, anarchists will attack them."

The Boulder anarchists further mention the city of Toronto - referred to as the "occupied territories of Turtle Island" - as where anarchists "begin to show the world what we are really capable of...." Toronto is to host the G8 and G20 meetings in June.

***** ANALYSIS *****

T/I/W Rating: MODERATE

ITRR analysts see the attack in Boulder as an additional indication of the globalization of anarchist "direct action", with banks attacked both as local symbols of capital and as financiers of distant projects which anarchists oppose. The attacks are seen as a means to influence the availability of funds for such activities (in addition to the general goal of striking capitalist institutions)

In recent months, anarchists have made "direct action" targeting financial institutions a priority. Furthermore, also as previously noted by ITRR researchers, there is significant overlap between radical environmentalist and anarchist groups, with anarchist communications often praising acts of overt eco-terrorism and sabotage. Banks have been targeted as funders of environmentally destructive activities.

ITRR analysts have identified several financial institutions that may be targets for "green" anarchist "direct action," or worse, in Pennsylvania, including branches of:

- JP Morgan Chase
- Royal Bank of Canada
- Citi Bank
- Goldman Sachs
- Bank of America

Security personnel should review policies dealing with the protection of relevant facilities and businesses in the vicinity thereof.

Sector: COMMERCIAL FACILITIES

2. *More Threats to Cartoonists in Jihadist Sites*

ITRR researchers have found that jihadists are quickly sharing as many personal details as they can of a South African Jewish caricaturist who drew a new cartoon of Mohammad.

The *Mail & Guardian* newspaper published a cartoon on Thursday, 20 May 2010, by Jonathan Shapiro in which Mohammad is portrayed visiting a psychologist complaining, "Other prophets have followers with a sense of humour."

Ironically, although very seriously, the newspaper and Shapiro immediately began receiving threats from Islamists.

Jihadist communications intercepted by ITRR researchers included a picture of Shapiro, some details about what city he lives in and calls to "cut the throat of this infidel."

***** ANALYSIS *****

T/I/W Rating: MODERATE

As noted in PAIB No. 84, regarding the attack on Muhammad cartoonist Lars Vilks in Sweden, Islamists have not been reticent to physically target those individuals deemed to have offended Muslim beliefs. ITRR analysts believe that reactions to the latest caricature may gain momentum on jihadist and Islamic web-based forums, and in daily discussion in Islamic groups. The Shapiro cartoon is an additional trigger for potential Islamist reaction along the lines of the attack on Vilks.

Other recent trigger events include the "Everybody Draw Muhammad Day," 20 May 2010, as well as the March 2010 release of a 10-volume series of textbooks titled *World of Islam* by the Philadelphia-based Foreign Policy Research Institute and published by Broomall-based Mason

Crest Publishers. The Pennsylvania branch of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) condemned the publication and the think-tank.

The context of the eve of the 2010 FIFA World Cup in South Africa next month is also of note. In July 2006 a failed suitcase bombing of two train stations in Cologne, Germany, was carried out by two Lebanese men who decided to bomb the opening of the World Cup in Germany in reaction to the cartoon controversy of that period. In a related incident in the United States, Pennsylvania resident Colleen LaRose, who called herself Jihad Jane, was recently arrested for plotting to murder Vilks. She denies the charges.

Lone-wolf actions may be attempted at locations believed to be connected to individuals or organizations deemed by Islamists to have denigrated Islam. ITRR analysts point out that while potential targets are endless and most likely will be chosen by ease of access, the recently intercepted communications are significant in that they attempt to provide specific details about the sketch artist and encouragement of "retaliation." Along with the current threats to the South African media outlet and its cartoonist, all past threats on Muhammad caricature creators and their interests may also find themselves back in the spotlight, such as Denmark, Spain, Germany, Holland, France and the US.

ITRR analysts further note that the targeting of a South African Jewish cartoonist also provides incentive for lone-wolf jihadist actions against South African and Jewish targets worldwide. Security personnel responsible for such assets, such as synagogues and Jewish communal events, are advised to raise alert levels and situational awareness at this time and throughout the World Cup.

Sectors: COMMERCIAL FACILITIES AND GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

3. *Warning of 'Bloodshed' Over Amazon Dam*

Following a warning, in late April 2010, that bloodshed was going to result from the Brazilian decision to allow the construction of the Belo Monte hydroelectric dam in the Amazon, about 150 tribal protesters clashed with guards at the Brazilian Congress on Wednesday, 19 May 2010. Several people were lightly injured in the melee, which may have included the use of wooden and stone weapons, when protesters attempted to force their way into a legislative meeting.

Another recent protest involved blockading a ferry that traverses the Xingu River, where the dam is slated to be built. Through the end of last month, there were several protests in various locations throughout Brazil against the Belo Monte project.

Protesters fear the hydroelectric dam will flood tribal lands, devastating a massive portion of the Amazon and displacing nearly 20,000 people from their ancestral lands.

In April, one leader of the rainforest tribal protesters said: "I think that today the war is about to start once more and the Indians will be forced to kill the white men again so they leave our lands alone. ... There will be a war so the white man cannot interfere in our lands again." Last week,

he told a European audience that "3,000 warriors" are ready to take up arms. Another tribal leader warned simply: "There will be bloodshed...."

Of note is that Brazil's own Public Prosecutor is calling for the license for the dam to be canceled so that better environmental impact studies can be completed.

The primary tribe protesting the Belo Monte dam is the Kayapo, which has been characterized as fiercely territorial and, in the past, as extremely war-like. The tribe has successfully established political control and some measure of autonomy over its lands, while aggressively driving off loggers, miners and a previous attempt to build a dam along a section of the Amazon in their lands.

***** ANALYSIS *****

T/I/W Rating: MODERATE

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 (primarily American) radical anti-globalist organization that promotes what it calls "anti-infrastructure" actions. They seek to "exploit weak points in the global economy and hasten the system's collapse," they say, 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."

As of this writing, the protests against the Belo Monte have remained relatively peaceful, although there appears to be an escalation and intensification of "direct action." The risk at the present time, such as it is, appears to be limited to the area of the planned dam and to government offices responsible for decisions affecting the future of the project. However, **Pennsylvanian students, faculty and researchers in Brazil** - such as from the **University of Pittsburgh**, **Indiana University of Pennsylvania** (at Centro Universitario Central Paulista), **Clarion University**, **East Stroudsburg University**, **Mansfield University**, and **Westminster College** - are advised to maintain situational awareness as the controversy over the dam develops or is resolved.

ITRR researchers are monitoring for Root Force or other radical communications indicating a shift to violence or targeted vandalism in support of the Amazon tribal groups.

No actionable intelligence at this time for the following sectors:

AGRICULTURE AND FOOD
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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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.
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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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