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ONGOING RESEARCH

1. *Recruitment Centers, Banks, Multinationals Targeted*

A bomb detonated at a Canadian military recruitment center in Quebec on 2 July 2010 was apparently planted by a known anarchist group, ***INITIATIVE DE RESISTANCE INTERNATIONALISTE*** (**IRI**). The group condemned "militaristic practices and ideals," police "repression", banks and multinational companies. ITRR analysts believe that further acts of anarchist terrorism and vandalism, inspired by the Toronto G20 "actions" and the Quebec bombing itself, can be expected throughout North America in the near term. Military recruitment centers in Pennsylvania - specifically in areas of significant anarchist activity - are advised to increase situational awareness at the present time. (PAIB No. 107)

2. *International 'Stop the Tar Sands Day'*

Environmental activist groups in Europe have called for an "International Stop the Tar Sands Day," tentatively scheduled for 17 July 2010. In March 2010 the **RAINFOREST ACTION NETWORK** (**RAN**), http://ran.org/, declared its intention to "keep the pressure on" the Royal Bank of Canada (RBC) over its financing of the Alberta, Canada, tar sands project. Security personnel should review protection measures for RBC facilities and other financial institutions named in RAN

communications (see PAIB No. 107 for a detailed list). ITRR analysts and researchers will continue to monitor adversarial communications for further regional Pennsylvania targeting. (PAIB nos. 55, 107)

3. ***Global Protests Against BP and the US Government***

ITRR analysts have identified plans for protests against British Petroleum (BP) in several locations worldwide under the heading "The Second Worldwide Protest BP Day." According to the activists' publicity, they "aim to pressure BP" and "to pressure the US government." The protests thus far confirmed are slated for 10 July 2010 in cities throughout the United States and overseas. ITRR is monitoring adversarial communications for new anti-BP protests in Pennsylvania this month. (PAIB no.107)

4. ***Al-Qaeda Expanding its English-Language 'Marketing'***

AL-QAEDA, through one of its most active branches, **AL-QAEDA IN THE ARABIAN PENINSULA** (**AQAP**), has decided to expand its outreach further into the English-speaking world with its first official magazine in English. The combination of motivational texts and videos, religious sermons and practical lessons in jihad, all in English, has the potential to be a significant factor in Al-Qaeda's efforts to recruit lone-wolf terrorists (as well as more serious individuals, perhaps) in English-speaking circles. (PAIB No. 106)

5. ***Pride Festival in Harrisburg, Celebration in Reading***

On **24 July 2010**, a Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual and Transgender ("Gay pride") parade and subsequent festival, PrideFest, are to take place in Harrisburg. On **18 July 2010**, the Reading Pride Celebration is slated to be held in Centre Park, Reading. There are increasing indications of focused anti-gay rhetoric and actions among White supremacists and right-wing militia supporters. ITRR analysts and researchers will continue to monitor for details on protest / counter-protest activity. (PAIB No. 105)

6. ***'Escalate Resistance' to Arizona's New Immigration Law***

Referring to Arizona's new immigration legislation, anarchists and immigrants' rights activists are preparing to "peacefully escalate resistance to SB1070."

- A broad coalition of groups plan to protest the National Governors Association meeting in Boston, 9-11 July 2010, because of the presence of Arizona Governor Jan Brewer.

- The radical **STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY** (**SDS**), http://www.studentsforademocraticsociety.org/, organization is planning what they have called an "Arizona Freedom Summer" 23 July 23-5 August 2010, focused on bringing activists to Arizona for the designated time period.

- Anarchists called for "direct actions in our local communities" when the law goes into effect on 29 July 2010.

- Well-known minority community leaders warned that unidentified "activists" are willing to commit acts of "civil disobedience" to fight the law.

Opponents of the law in Pennsylvania may target visiting Arizona VIP, delegations or Arizona-related events with protests or "direct action" in the coming weeks and months, including Diamondback baseball games in Philadelphia in late July and in Pittsburgh in September 2010. Counter-protests by supporters of the Arizona legislation may precipitate violent confrontations between opposing protesters requiring law enforcement intervention. (PAIB Nos. 98, 102 and 106)

7. ***Earth First! Tactical Knowledge Sharing***

EARTH FIRST!, http://www.earthfirst.org/ , the radical environmentalist organization that boasts of its "direct action" credentials, announced two camping and tactical training sessions this month. Skills and knowledge shared at these events will most likely be seen and felt at subsequent environmental protest events or direct action vandalism by eco-terrorist adversaries. Supporters of Earth First! are forming a new activist network in the upstate New York-Pennsylvania region. As expanding circles of environmentalists and "green anarchists", explicitly including Earth First!, are willing to embrace escalating eco-terrorism, security personnel responsible for facilities that have been targeted by environmentalist protests are advised to heighten situational awareness. ITRR analysts have identified several specific assets and industries that may be targets for eco-activist "direct action" in Pennsylvania. (PAIB Nos. 68, 90 and 104)

8. ***CrimethInc.'s Anarchist 'Show of Force' in July-August***

The anarchist movement, **CRIMETHINC.,** http://www.crimethinc.com/, is planning what they have called "a decentralized convergence" to take place in late July and throughout August. The group is encouraging anarchists in North America to take any action they feel will be effective in order to make the anarchist presence felt in their respective local areas. One such event, the Conspiracy Tour, has announced tentative Tour dates and locations in Pennsylvania:

- **30-31 July 2010, Pittsburgh**
- **3 August 2010, Philadelphia**

ITRR researchers are monitoring anarchist communications for further planned "actions," dates and locations relevant to Pennsylvania. For the next two months, increased situational awareness is recommended at those sites having previously been targeted by anarchist activity. (PAIB No. 103)

9. ***Militarized Movements Growing 'Restless'; Training in July***
The multi-state militia, **2-4 MACHSA**, http://www.machsa.vit.im/homeconstruction.html, is holding its first Annual Patriot Training in Pennsylvania from 16-19 July 2010. ITRR has identified possible central Pennsylvania and Pittsburgh Metro Area links for this militia groups, with leadership in the south central area. More generally, recent communications from extremist militia forums indicate a growing restlessness and self-reinforcing feeling of impending confrontation with the federal government. It is unknown how many of the 2-4 MACSHA charter members hold this view; however, there are likely to be those whose orientation will present a risk to officers in the vicinity of the gathering. In that context, ITRR researchers continue to monitor anti-government militia organizations promoting armed, dispersed and "leaderless resistance" against what they define as the "New World Order." (PAIB Nos. 63, 65, 68, 73, 88 and 103)

SECTOR-SPECIFIC THREATS, INDICATORS AND/OR WARNINGS

Sectors: BANKING AND FINANCE; COMMERCIAL FACILITIES; ENERGY; GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

10. ***Anarchy Summer Camp in August***
Communications in Philadelphia-centered anarchist forums include calls for attendance at the "Anarchy Summer Camp," 6-9 August 2010, in northern Virginia. Organizers are keeping the precise location confidential at the present time, informing only those attendees who have been "approved."

According to the communications, the Anarchy Summer Camp "will help you prepare for the upcoming International Monetary Fund (IMF) demonstrations this fall in Washington, DC." The **SELF DESCRIBED ANARCHIST COLLECTIVE** (**SDAC**), http://selfdescribed.org/, which is running the "summer camp," is involved in organizing the planned DC protests. "The Anarchy Summer Camp will prepare participants for the demonstrations through workshops... as well as real life exercises, such as tactical simulations," the SDAC explained.

The IMF is scheduled to meet 9-11 October 2010, in Washington, D.C.

The invitation to take part in the training concludes with the call, "Raise the Resistance" from "Your Friendly Neighborhood Insurgents at the Self Described Anarchist Collective."

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

The above training event is part of an increasing tempo of activities by North American anarchists generally, and East Coast anarchists specifically.

Prior to the Anarchy Summer Camp, as noted in recent PAIB editions, the **NORTHEAST ANARCHISTS NETWORK** (**NEAN**) is holding its annual national assembly in Boston from 16-18 July 2010, which is to include "workshops or skillshares." While ITRR analysts do not believe the SDAC Anarchy Summer Camp or the NEAN "assembly" will pose a security risk, the skills and lessons learned can be expected to be put into effect in anarchist actions throughout the northeast region in the following months, including in Pennsylvania.

ITRR analysts reiterate that there has been an escalation in violent incitement among anarchist and far-left groups that has been continuing for more than a year (see PAIB No. 94 for a recent extreme example of such incitement). The result of this foment was evident during the Black Bloc and other anarchist rioting during the June 2010 G8/G20 meetings in Toronto.

Potential Targets

Recent anarchist vandalism and terrorism has provided ample indications of potential targets for the aforementioned groups.

- In recent months, there have been bank firebombings and serial bank vandalism in Canada and the US. As noted in PAIB No. 89, anarchists have made "direct action" targeting financial institutions a priority.

- A bomb was detonated at a Canadian military recruitment center in Trois-Rivières, Quebec, last week. A known anarchist group called ***INITIATIVE DE RESISTANCE INTERNATIONALISTE*** (**IRI**) claimed responsibility. The targeting of this recruitment center follows in the footsteps of the Times Square recruitment center bombing of 2008.

- As expanding circles of environmentalists and "green anarchists" are willing to embrace escalating eco-terrorism, with significant overlap between them. European eco-terror advocates have issued explicit calls for arson, sabotage of major facilities and murder, adding "everything else is child's [play] ..." ITRR analysts identified mass transit, telecommunications, ports, fuel stations, coal plants, and other facilities that have been targeted by environmentalist protests in the past as targeted assets.

Regarding domestic risk indicators in Pennsylvania, ITRR researchers are currently monitoring the anarchist networks for relevant targeting information. A possible flashpoint following the NEAN annual assembly may be Arizona's immigration

legislation SB 1070 enactment on 29 July 2010; anarchists have called for "direct actions in our local communities."

Sectors: Commercial Facilities, Emergency Services and Government Facilities

11. *Radical Black Nationalists Warn: 'There Will Be No Peace'*

Communications from radical Black supremacists, radical racial activists and anarchists have focused attention on the impending verdict in the Los Angeles trial of Johannes Mehserle. Mehserle is a former Bay Area Rapid Transit police officer accused of deliberately shooting a defenseless African-American youth, Oscar Grant, in Oakland, California, on New Year's Day 2009.

Listing several alleged grievances directed at the White establishment, a recent Black nationalist communication says, "[E]nough is enough, NO JUSTICE NO PEACE…. Are we to now let this killer cop off the hook?!! In the Bay Area we must ask ourselves what would Malcolm do? What would Huey do? What would Pac do? What was done in LA? Now ask yourself what are you going to do?"

The answer provided is definitive: "[Use] the Art of War; work in squads…BURN IT DOWN!!!"

A Black supremacist commentator said, "Grant is executed on live TV... but he was not the only one.... This [violence] is not violence, this is retribution."

However, more calm commentary was also evident: "People of all races are concerned that destructive forces will, once again, hijack any peaceful demonstrations that might occur. The young African-American man who organized the original demonstrations [in 2009] against the shooting, which were supposed to be peaceful and devolved into violence and destruction of businesses and property in the downtown Oakland area, cried in frustration after seeing his vision of a mass demonstration of peaceful civil disobedience get hijacked by violent individuals who really didn't see the demonstrations as anything other than an opportunity to wreak havoc without suffering consequences."

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

As noted in PAIB No. 104, ITRR analysts have identified a high potential for street violence at the conclusion of the Oscar Grant homicide trial if the defendant is not found guilty or guilty of a reduced charge. Cities at risk include Oakland and Los Angeles, of course, but also San Francisco and, potentially, other cities nationwide with significant radical African-American activism or anarchist groups.

Furthermore, in January of 2009 (as noted in PAIB no. 36 and thereafter), anarchists worldwide repeatedly expressed admiration for the very destructive riots that took place in Oakland immediately following the Grant shooting.

The G20 riots, vandalism, street protests and property destruction in Toronto have invigorated certain anarchist and left-wing radical elements. Therefore, protests in the wake of the Mehserle verdict are likely to draw a broad, dangerous cross-section of opportunistic activists.

Sector: GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

12. ***Northern Ireland's Volatile 'Marching Season' Heats Up***

This past weekend saw three days of violent rioting in west Belfast, Northern Ireland. Six police officers were injured in the melees, which included arson, gas cylinders thrown into the road, rock-throwing, vandalism and firebombs. Police vehicles were attacked with road signs, bricks and an axe. A local restaurant was also reportedly broken into, as well.

The rioting took place near a major highway that separates Catholic and Protestant areas. Police expressed a firm belief that the unrest, involving about 100 people, was organized by outside forces interested in sectarian violence.

The Belfast rioting came on the heels of last week's conviction of a Real IRA commander for attempting to smuggle weapons and explosives into Northern Ireland. He was captured at the end of a lengthy British intelligence sting.

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

In PAIB No. 52, ITRR researchers noted that there has been a notable increase in terrorist actions by Irish republican factions since late last year. In September 2009, as noted in ITRR reports at the time, cells of armed thugs - purportedly affiliated with republican dissident terror groups such as the Real IRA (RIRA), http://www.globalsecurity.org/military/world/para/nira.htm, or Continuity IRA (CIRA), http://www.globalsecurity.org/military/world/para/cira.htm, - were intensely attempting to revive sectarian violence in Northern Ireland.

The dissident republican groups are primarily targeting law enforcement; however, last year saw targeting of civilian assets such as Orange Halls and GAA (Gaelic soccer) clubs in North Antrim, churches and Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) halls. February 2010 and June 2010 saw peaks in increasing attempts to perpetrate large-scale attacks. A number of police stations, police officers and patrol cars have been targeted in serious terrorist bombings in recent months (see PAIB Nos. 101 and 105 for details).

As noted in previous PAIB editions, the 18 June-31 August 2010 Marching Season in Northern Ireland remains a period of several serious potential flashpoints for anti-British and anti-loyalist violence. The traditional Protestant loyalist marches take place in Belfast and Londonderry, with the most significant risk surrounding the 12 July march.

General situational awareness is called for among students and faculty associated with overseas programs in Northern Ireland, such as those of Millersville University and the Pennsylvania College of Technology. Attendance at Marching Season events is not advisable.

SECTORS: GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

13. *Flash-Mob Protest Tactic at a US Embassy*

Anti-American militant protestors managed to surprise security personnel at the US Embassy in Manila, Philippines, with a "flash-mob" or "lighting" rally on 4 July 2010.

The anti-American activists, led by the ***BAGONG ALYANSANG MAKABAYAN*** (***BAYAN***), used the cover of a running marathon underway nearby to unexpectedly converge on the US facility. Some of the protesters were reportedly dressed in jogging clothes as deceptive cover.

Local media said that a clash with security guards initially ensued, but police responded and dispersed the protesters.

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

Flash Mob Rallies

Modern communication systems - including cellphones, SMS, Twitter and other instant messaging systems - make the organization of "flash-mob" or "lighting" rallies relatively easy and inexpensive. The important aspect, of course, is the purpose and nature of the instant gathering.

As noted in PAIB No. 66, in March 2010, Philadelphia was witness to a "flash mob" phenomenon with ominous overtones. Petty and serious property crimes, vandalism and clashes accompanied two "flash mob" events in the city.

Extensive police presence and advance intelligence may have ensured that the later flash mob events in Philadelphia did not deteriorate into violence as the earlier Center City flash mob did. At the same time, ITRR analysts note that deliberately spreading false rumors of impending "flash mobs" can be used as a means to manipulate law enforcement for pre-operational probing of security force reactions

and weaknesses, or even as a diversion ahead of, or during, coordinated criminal activity or terrorist attack.

On 2 April 2010, **RAINFOREST ACTION NETWORK** activists participated in a flash-mob "street theater" at JP Morgan Chase's Chicago headquarters. Similar actions may accompany any of the many anarchist and environmentalist activities expected this summer. Flash-mob rallies intended to surprise security at a foreign embassy, as occurred in the Philippines, may be employed at the Israeli consulate in Philadelphia due to recent anti-Israel agitation over Prime Minister Netanyahu's current visit to the US.

Philippines

The **BAYAN** organization behind the aforementioned anti-US rally has issued a statement calling for justice for Gregan Cardeno and Army Capt. Javier Ignacio. Cardeno, a local subcontractor providing interpretation services for the American forces in the Philippines, was found dead inside a US Army barracks in Marawi City. Ignacio, who led the investigation behind Cardeno's death, was assassinated several months later.

General situational awareness is called for among students and faculty associated with overseas programs in the Philippines, such the University of Pennsylvania's School of Dental Medicine exchange program with the University of Philippines. Political protests and large political gatherings should be avoided in the near term, especially in Manila. If encountering such political rallies at this time, overt indications of one's American nationality should be avoided.

No actionable intelligence at this time for the following sectors:

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CHEMICAL
COMMUNICATIONS
CRITICAL MANUFACTURING
DAMS
DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL BASES
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.
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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