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STRATEGIC ANALYSIS

1. A Rogue Militia for a Rogue Nation

ITRR researchers are monitoring a nationwide anti-government militia umbrella organization, also linked with anarchist libertarian elements, that has been promoting armed, dispersed and "leaderless resistance" against what it defines as the "New World Order".

The Rogue Nation Eternal Militia (RNEM) has explicitly named its targets to include: FEMA, the United Nations, banks, as well as the police, the military and other federal agencies. However, RNEM rhetoric seems to indicate larger goals: "The Rogue Nation Eternal Militia supports ANYONE who wishes to be free in ANY country. America is only the starting point." The group claims to have had its "leaderless resistance" methodology "battle proven by our chapters in Ireland and our chapter in Kosovo."

Domestically, RNEM communications include references to "the liberty stealing, gun grabbing, totalitarian, N.W.O. [New World Order] puppet government", which they will "resist" as it is "an oppressive government". The RNEM intends "to become an undeniable political and, if need be, an overwhelming fighting force.... It is the duty of every citizen to resist and deal out brutal retribution to the traitors of this nation. ...The whole point isn't for YOU to die for your freedom, it's to make THEM die for YOUR freedom. Forming new autonomous chapters of independent fighters hinders agent provocateurs and informants."

Tactically, the RNEM also suggests that members "compile dossiers on local politicians, judges, lawyers and police. Everyone has something to hide. Find it and distribute those dossiers as

widely as possible. Tell the public about corruption and never let an opposition politician have a private life. ...Tell everyone where policemen and judges and tax collectors live."

The organization also claims to be establishing "underground" units for training "in the tactics of guerrilla warfare, sabotage, assassination, intelligence gathering, infiltration, clandestine communications and psychological operations. ...They are free to use ANY means necessary to ensure their security and protect liberty. After forming they break contact with the organization as a whole. They follow the Rogue Nation Militia's ideology and operate totally independent and secretly."

For both above-ground and underground units, RNEM provides detailed instructions in two downloadable handbooks.

In one communication, an RNEM member hyperlinked to a "Sons of Liberty" video, uploaded on Youtube in 2008. The video features masked, fatigue-wearing men with automatic weapons reading an RNEM communication from "The Sniper" in which the organization threatens FEMA, UN peacekeepers, Blackwater, as well as police and military forces - all as enemies in the "New World Order". The Sons of Liberty, which promotes "guerilla warfare", appears linked with the American Resistance Movement, as well. Like RNEM, ARM is billed as a "non-hierarchical, distributed (leaderless) movement".

RNEM appears to have a Pennsylvania chapter or chapters with possible Henryville or Perry County locations, although there are few new communications from the chapter in recent months. Someone claiming to be the president of a Pennsylvania chapter told his RNEM colleagues that he may be going to prison for one year. Pennsylvania is also home to anti-government militias such as the 91st Warrior Militia and the Brookville Tiger Militia, which had members jailed in 2008 for illegal sale of explosives. Others include the Sons of Liberty Militia, the broad-based Pennsylvania Citizens Militia and the Pennsylvania Constitutional Militia.

The question remains an open one as to how close the RNEM is to taking violent action against law enforcement, military personnel, politicians or even civilians. Some indications can be learned by monitoring communications shared among militia supporters in general and RNEM members in particular. ITRR researchers have identified the following statements as representative of a trend of thought in militia circles:

- A simple question was asked: "Is anyone ready?" One response said, "I know of atleast 150 to 200 people that would fight for there freedoms. ...I guess its just getting the ones that will fight ready to fight.. And thats about as hard as finding people that would fight if need be.." *(Grammatical and spelling errors in the original - NR)*
- As noted in PAIB no. 68, another militia communication said: "Brothers in Arms in seems to me very soon, perhaps in a month or twos time we shall be fighting the very same fight our fore fathers fought all those many years ago, though we are not fighting the redcoats we shall stand against a force 10 times as corrupt, evil, and tyranical as that of the british parliment Fear Not God is with us Pennsylvanian's". *(Grammatical and spelling errors in the original - NR)*

In the wake of the militia arrests and a ramping up of extremist rhetoric warning of an approaching tyranny in the United States, ITRR analysts have expressed concern over the increased likelihood of violent and/or armed confrontation between members of a militia or other radical anti-government organization and government officials. Before that stage is reached, preliminary opposition activity can range from lawful protest to serious sabotage-type terrorism.

As noted in PAIB no. 64, Pennsylvania's Fifth Annual Right to Keep and Bear Arms (RKBA) Rally, this year to be associated with the nationwide Second Amendment March, is to take place at the capitol building in Harrisburg on 27 April 2010. Members of Pennsylvania militias are apparently planning to attend the event. While the Second Amendment March and RKBA Rally organizers have been careful to never advocate violence or civil disobedience, ITRR analysts note that a member of a Pennsylvania militia was the source of the above radical communications.

SECTOR-SPECIFIC THREATS, INDICATORS AND/OR WARNINGS

Sectors: COMMERCIAL FACILITIES; GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

2. 'Month of Anarchy': Sharing Ideas, Planning

In line with the call by the Northeast Anarchist Network (NEAN) to make May a "Month of Anarchy" (issued in February and cited in PAIB no. 50), Boston-based anarchists have detailed a series of events they are planning for next month.

1 May 2010 - A May Day "Black and Red feeder march", which indicates a march leading into an area where a rally is to be held. Accordingly, the May Day march, joining both anarchists and Communists in a common cause, will meld into a "rally for the rights of all workers, migrant and non" in the Boston Common. The rally is billed as being followed by a march, as well.

4 May 2010 - A public reading of the manifesto of the Haymarket Anarchists. They were responsible for an 1886 riot and bombing in Boston that killed seven police officers and several other civilians.

14 May 2010 - A play about the aforementioned Haymarket terrorist bombing.

15 May 2010 - "Music, action and readings" in honor of Boston University Professor Howard Zinn, a quasi-anarchist socialist who died earlier this year. 23 May 2010 - "Food Not Bombs Festival" on the Boston Common. 25 May 2010 - An anarchist author will be presenting a new book.

The listing of the events in anarchist and related forums, ITRR analysts note, is intended to both draw participants and inspire similar planning for other locales. In their February 2010 announcement of the Month of Anarchy, NEAN provided some initial ideas to spark their sympathizers' imaginations, some of which were clearly adopted in Boston: May Day marches and events; skillshares; "Strive to build images and systems of anarchy in our cities and towns"; "Organize Really Really Free Markets (RRFM)"; "Haymarket events" with propaganda about anarchist history; "Promote Climate Justice"; "Guerilla Gardening" (when "green" anarchists attempt to grow plants on a plot of land they do not own, or which is in the public domain).

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

T/I/W Rating: MODERATE

ITRR analysts note that Anarchist activities worldwide range from the purely legal (soapbox speeches, community organizing, etc.) to the criminal (squatting, graffiti, trespassing, etc.) to outright terrorist (including arson, bombings, etc.). ITRR analysts further believe that NEAN, which demonstrated its strength at the G20 talks in Pittsburgh, will be stepping up its activities (legal and illegal) in the northeastern United States following its latest planning activities and through May 2010.

Furthermore, as noted in previous PAIB editions, widespread Greek anarchist rioting and attacks have gained admiration among anarchists worldwide. The Boston Anti-Authoritarian Movement, for example, held events earlier this week in support of what has become known as "the Greek Insurrection". Such inspiration may be the catalyst for more vigorous protest

marches, or even riots, in May. Similarly, there remains the risk that out-of-state anarchist cells will adopt more radical behavior than their local counterparts.

ITRR analysts believe that May anarchist events on the East Coast of the US, including Pennsylvania, pose a moderate risk to public order. ITRR is currently monitoring anarchist networks for specific targeting indicators in Pennsylvania.

Sectors: GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

3. Threat of Abduction in Egypt, Israel

On 13 April 2010, Israel issued an urgent alert saying there was "concrete evidence of an expected terrorist attempt to kidnap Israelis in Sinai." In the wake of that warning, which included guidance for Israelis to immediately leave the Sinai Peninsula, several hundred Israeli tourists have left Egypt in the last two days.

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

T/I/W Rating: MODERATE

While Israeli security services periodically issue warnings regarding travel to the Sinai Peninsula, the latest alert was unusual in its urgency and evident concreteness. Past attacks by jihadist elements in Sinai have included major bombings targeting hotels and beaches frequented by Israeli and Western tourists three times in three years (2004-2006).

Additionally, as noted in PAIB no. 70, ITRR analysts have noted increased chatter among jihadists, anarchists and radical anti-war elements discussing hostile attacks on Jewish and Israeli assets worldwide since late last year (cited in several past editions of the PAIB). Several communications have singled out Egypt as a preferred venue for attacks on Jewish and American assets.

ITRR analysts note that, while Israelis are indeed likely to be a primary target of Egyptian terrorists, they are far from the only ones. Foreigners in general are equally targeted by jihadist elements in Egypt for attack and abduction, especially because one motive for such attacks is to weaken the Egyptian government itself, which is perceived as a secularized, corrupting regime.

In addition, in PAIB nos. 18, 20 and 23, ITRR analysts expressed the view that there is an elevated risk of attack in Egypt at this time - especially against high-visibility government offices, tourist sites and in the Sinai. Pennsylvania students attending the American University in Cairo, Egypt (BEG) should be advised of the current increased danger of terrorist activity. Also vulnerable as targets for abduction or attack are those who travel in vehicles with markings indicating Western companies or organizations.

Sectors: GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

4. Against the High-Speed Trains in Spain

Anarchist and anti-authoritarian forums, as well as Basque separatist elements, are noting with apparent satisfaction that 14 train stations in Spain were vandalized between 13 and 14 April 2010. In some of the incidents, slogans were daubed on the walls indicating opposition to the regional high-speed trains.

The sabotage included disabling ticketing machines and CCTV cameras with a polyurethane foam spray. The apparently ideologically motivated vandals perpetrated their attacks in the provinces of Bizkaia and Gipuzkoa.

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

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

ITRR analysts note that the provinces in which the train stations were targeted in the above mass sabotage effort are located in the Autonomous Community of Euskadi (Basque Country). This takes on significance in light of the Basque terrorist group ETA singling out the Basque region's high-speed rail project as a target since late 2008. ETA objects to the rail line as they see it extending Spanish federal control into Basque country. An ETA communiqué in January 2009 specifically threatened contractors, technicians, developers and mass transit officials associated with the rail project. The communiqué also claimed that ETA was behind the December 2008 murder of a contractor involved in developing the rail network. The group has also been accused of detonating a VBIED outside the headquarters of the construction company building the Basque line. In PAIB no. 14, ITRR described an action manual put together by SEGI, a Basque terror organization allied with the ETA, that provides guidance and encouragement for, among other terrorist tactics, sabotaging trains. The SEGI manual suggests: causing shorts in the electric cables; placing barricades on the tracks; manipulating the switching signals; and removing the electrical system of traffic indicator lights. The SEGI terrorists acknowledge that such acts of sabotage on a rail line "can cause deaths."

The simple mechanical vandalism of this week, however, would seem to indicate that a lone-wolf or a small cell sympathizing with ETA goals was responsible, rather than a true terrorist group like ETA or SEGI.

Furthermore, ITRR analysts note that opposition to high-speed trains is not limited to Basque country. In addition to Spain, high-speed rail lines have been the target of popular protests - some violent, some not - in neighboring France and Italy in recent years. Anarchists, environmentalists, "indigenous peoples", separatists and communists all have distinct and complementary motivations for targeting high-speed rail network construction projects. Violent mass protest also clearly serves to disrupt such rail projects and are likewise a security threat.

Pennsylvanian students and faculty participating in foreign study programs in Spain - such as those of the University of Pennsylvania (in Alicante), Clarion University, East Stroudsburg, Indiana University of Pennsylvania (in Valladolid), Mansfield University, and Westminster College - should be made aware of the potential continuation of disruptive actions in areas considered to be Basque Country. ITRR analysts suggest that escalation of Basque protest actions or even terrorism is also a possibility, in light of the ETA incentive to demonstrate that

their capabilities remain intact despite a series of high-profile arrests over the course of the past year.

Sectors: TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS

5. A Terrorist Travel Itinerary

A recent jihadist communication intercepted by ITRR researchers says that a particular Al-Qaeda terrorist from the Arabian Peninsula who is wanted by Saudi authorities managed to slip out of Saudi Arabia and arrive in Afghanistan. He was accompanied by two others and is "safe and sound" in Tora Bora.

The jihadist behind the communication appears to be involved with Al-Qaeda of the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP). He claims that the Saudi "royal family is exhausted from the strikes that we lay upon them," but, he adds, a message targeting the regime is coming in the form of additional active attacks.

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

T/I/W Rating: MODERATE

ITRR analysts see the significance of the above communication in its confirmation of the expected flow of terrorists from Saudi Arabia to other jihadist fronts. Furthermore, those dedicated jihadists who make the trip to the various war zones, if they survive, can return to their countries of origin relatively easily. They then bring back to their native countries significant and practical war-fighting and intelligence-gathering skills.

ITRR has indicated that travel patterns of Pennsylvanians returning from regions involved in, or located near, jihadist war fronts should be carefully scrutinized.

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NATIONAL MONUMENTS AND ICONS
BANKING AND FINANCE
WATER
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CRITICAL MANUFACTURING
DAMS
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NUCLEAR REACTORS, MATERIALS, AND WASTE
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