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ACTIONABLE DATE REMINDERS

- **4-25 January 2010:** Aggressive environmentalists will be attending what they are calling a Winter Action Camp in Rock Creek, West Virginia to learn the skills of "direct action". (Reported in 14 Dec. 2009 PAIB)
- **18 January 2010:** Martin Luther King Jr. Day; ITRR analysts expect stronger than usual protests at the Lockheed Martin plant in King of Prussia. The Brandywine Peace Community is soliciting people to become involved in "civil disobedience".
- **20 January 2010:** First anniversary of President Barack Obama's inauguration; We the People movement will be holding a National Strike Day against 'tax slavery' "to a Congress that ignores and mocks those they were elected to serve."
- **20 January 2010:** In Media, PA, Progressive Democrats of America will be protesting for "Healthcare NOT Warfare" at the office of Rep. Joe Sestak, 600 N. Jackson Street. The rally, a Brown Bag Lunch Vigil, is expected to be held from 12:00-14:00.

- **23 January 2010:** In Philadelphia, PA, an Anarchist group will be holding a kickoff meeting at the A-Space, 4722 Baltimore Ave., to prepare for a National Conference of progressive activists (Anarchists) that is planned to be held in August 2010.
- **1-18 February 2010:** Animal rights activists worldwide will be noting "Remembrance for Animal Activists". At this time, there are no programs planned. Instead, organizers are seeking decentralized protests.

SECTOR-SPECIFIC THREATS, INDICATORS AND/OR WARNINGS

Sectors: NUCLEAR REACTORS, MATERIALS, AND WASTE

1. Nuclear Waste Protests to Return?

A salt mine in Gorleben, in northern Germany, appears poised to become a renewed focus of disruptive environmental protesters. The federal government is pushing for the mine to be surveyed as a potential site for nuclear waste disposal, although the opposition is fighting the move.

Last year, when the issue was revived, environmental activists and locals joined forces in a combined protest that involved five tractors, 100 protesters with signs reading, "Block. Sabotage. Destroy.", and masked saboteurs elsewhere simultaneously cutting a security fence into the facility, setting fires and spraying the walls with graffiti. Some protesters were arrested at the time.

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

T/I/W Rating: MODERATE

In the wake of the recent focus on environmental activism surrounding COP15 (Climate Change conference in Copenhagen) and calls for affinity groups around the world to press ahead with "direct actions", ITRR analysts believe increasing, and increasingly vigorous, protests are likely in coming weeks and months.

Given sufficient media exposure, there may be efforts by environmental activists to emulate the protests elsewhere globally. Personnel responsible for nuclear facilities such as those of Beaver Valley, Limerick, Peach Bottom and Three Mile Island should maintain appropriate protective measures, relative to known activist behavior in their specific region. Additionally, environmental activists have repeatedly cited Pennsylvania as a leader in nuclear waste production (although the state does not have a disposal site), and nuclear waste through shipments.

In addition, as detailed at length in PAIB no. 32 (11 January 2010), there have been communications in extremist circles explicitly calling for murder, violence and sabotage to protect the environment. As noted last week, politicians, leading figures of heavy industry, and law enforcement officers appear to be targets of coming eco-terrorist violence. Noting that potential threat, ITRR analysts reiterate the recommendation that personal situational awareness and appropriate safety measures be implemented both on and off duty.

Sectors: ENERGY; POSTAL AND SHIPPING; GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

2. Specific Threats From Yemen and Somalia

Jihadist communications intercepted by ITRR researchers in recent days add urgency to previous repeated alerts regarding threats from Al-Qaeda of the Arabian Peninsula and Shabab Al-Mujahideen.

A. Titled "A Message From Yemen: Worldwide Top-Quality Actions", the communication is laconic in the extreme: "Dear brothers, I'm telling you that there will be top quality worldwide actions in the coming days and months that will emanate from the Arabian Peninsula."

B. Another communication, also from the past few days, claims that the Somali Al-Qaeda affiliate (although they deny this affiliation) Shabab Al-Mujahideen has been "exchanging fighters with armed groups in Yemen." The spokesman of Shabab is quoted as saying that his organization sends volunteers to Yemen to fight "enemies of god" and receives Al-Qaeda fighters from that theater in return.

"If Barack Obama will send troops to Somalia, their fate will be death," the Shabab spokesman added.

Meanwhile, on 15 January 2010 an AQAP leader, Qasem Al-Rimi (a.k.a. Abu Hurayra) was reportedly killed in a military airstrike. Six other AQAP fighters were also reported killed, with several others arrested over the weekend.

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

T/I/W Rating: SEVERE

As stated in several bulletins and alerts in October, November and December 2009, ITRR analysts identified internal jihadist communications with specific intelligence-oriented details regarding TTPs for operations such as the Christmas Day attempted bombing aboard Northwest Airlines. Detailed ITRR analysis of likely attacks or indications of coming AQ-affiliated attacks can be found in PAIB no. 27 (30 December 2009; "The Christmas Day Attack: What's Next").

Furthermore, the indication of imminent attacks sourced to Yemen might well include non-Yemeni terrorists who received training in Yemen (cf. the Nigerian Northwest Airlines Christmas Day bomber) or Yemeni terrorists acting in other theaters. In that context, ITRR notes the known phenomenon of radicalized Somali-Americans and other citizens traveling to the Middle East and Africa for jihadist training. In order to increase awareness of the potential of such jihadist youths potentially returning to the US for continuing terrorist activity, ITRR recommends that Pennsylvania law enforcement agencies maintain contacts within their regional Yemeni and Somali expatriate communities.

ITRR analysts consider the potential for terror activity in the Arabian Peninsula to be severe, warning that AQAP or affiliated jihadist cells are focusing efforts on possible attacks against US ships off the coast of Yemen, and elsewhere, as well as against Western diplomatic facilities in the region. In addition to the threat against hard military targets, attacks against the Arabian Peninsula's critical infrastructure should be expected. This includes petroleum pipelines and pumping facilities that may provide fuel imports for Pennsylvania.

Sectors: GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

3. 'A Warning From Gaza'

Under the above title, a jihadist issued a stern warning to owners of coffee shops, cafeterias and other establishments in Gaza that draw young people for entertainment purposes not sanctioned by fundamentalist Islam.

The threatening communication, intercepted by ITRR researchers, said "the owners of these places won't say that their businesses were attacked without notice."

The "notice" is: "We tell you to leave the coffee shops and cafeterias because they have become our targets and targets for our explosives." The reason given is that such establishments "lead our children astray."

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

T/I/W Rating: MODERATE

ITRR analysts recommend avoiding centers of public entertainment or eateries possibly deemed "corrupting" by Islamist elements in Gaza. Members of NGOs and international media organizations from Pennsylvania are advised to take specific precautions in this regard, as an attack on a target designated "un-Islamic" that also hits foreign nationals would be deemed doubly successful by jihadist elements in the Palestinian Authority.

No actionable intelligence at this time for the following sectors:

AGRICULTURE AND FOOD
DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL BASES
HEALTHCARE AND PUBLIC HEALTH
NATIONAL MONUMENTS AND ICONS
BANKING AND FINANCE
WATER
CHEMICAL
COMMERCIAL FACILITIES
CRITICAL MANUFACTURING
DAMS
EMERGENCY SERVICES
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
COMMUNICATIONS
TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS

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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