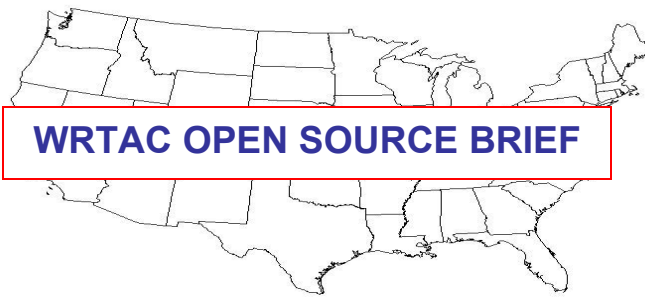


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Incendiary mailings spread from Maryland to D.C.

A package addressed to Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano ignited in a District postal facility Friday, authorities said, a day after two similar parcels containing low-grade incendiary devices flashed in Maryland government buildings. The incendiary parcel confirmed fears that Thursday's packages in Maryland were not the only ones in the mail and gave heightened urgency to an already large investigation involving myriad local, state and federal law enforcement agencies. A postal employee flagged down a D.C. police car shortly after 2 p.m. Friday to report what had just happened at the mail facility in the 3300 block of V Street NE. The investigation is being led by the FBI's Joint Terrorist Task Force in Baltimore. The package was described as popping, smoking, and with a brief flash of fire, and then it extinguished itself," D.C. Police Chief Cathy L. Lanier said. The investigation is being led by the FBI's Joint Terrorist Task Force in Baltimore, and the package will be taken to the FBI lab in Quantico for analysis, Lanier and FBI officials said.



<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2011/01/07/AR2011010706796.html?sid=ST2011010606579>

Six killed and 14 Wounded, Tucson, Arizona

Alleged gunman Jared Lee Loughner faces at least five federal charges surrounding the attack, including attempted assassination of a member of Congress. Evidence found in his home detailed the plot to kill Rep. Giffords. He is also charged with killing of Judge John M. Roll and five others. A man captured near the scene on surveillance has been cleared of any involvement. Arizona authorities say the man was a cab driver who drove the gunman to the store, not an accomplice. Bystanders wrestled the shooter to the ground and held him until police arrived. Witnesses say a man, grazed by a bullet, initiated by grabbing Loughner and allowing others to subdue him when he attempted to reload.



<http://www.pbs.org/newshour/rundown/2011/01/congresswoman-shot-by-gunman-in-arizona.html>

Train Stations in London Put on High Alert

British Transport Police cancelled leave and called in extra officers after intelligence was received that terrorists could be planning attacks. A security source said there was no “imminent” threat and the overall threat level had not changed but there was activity from one of a “handful” of extremist cells that cause concern at any time, leading to an adjustment in policing levels. It is understood that “intelligence chatter” suggested that transport hubs in London could be a target. It was unclear last night whether the terrorists were discussing suicide bomb attacks, or Mumbai-style shootings, or a combination of methods. A Whitehall source said: "The assessment of the threat to transport hubs has been revised. The view is that there is a greater risk than before, so steps are being taken as a precaution." <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/terrorism-in-the-uk/8244622/Terror-threat-to-London-stations-and-airports.html>



Possible Serial Rapist in Germantown, MD

A 68-year-old woman was sexually assaulted in Germantown on Wednesday morning by a unknown suspect, the same man who raped her seven months earlier. The assailant also is believed to have raped another woman, 86, who lives at an assisted living center across the street. **The suspect in is described as a black man, 5-foot-10, about 145 pounds, who appeared to be 16 to 25 years old and had no facial hair. The suspect in the Churchill Senior Living incident is described as a black man, 5-foot-8 to 5-foot-9, with a thin build, who appeared to be 18 to 25 years old and had no facial hair.** Police ask anyone with information about the assaults to call 240-773-5070. Those who wish to remain anonymous or be eligible for a reward of up to \$1,000 can call 866-411-TIPS (8477). <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2011/01/05/AR2011010505688.html?nav=mbot>

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Police Seek Assistance in Locating a Bank Robbery Suspect

On January 6, 2011 at approximately 1:42 p.m., patrol officers responded to a Capital One Bank located in the 10600 block of Greenbelt Road for a call of a bank robbery. The suspect approached a bank teller and passed a note demanding money. The suspect took the money and fled the scene on foot. The money was found a short distance from the bank after the dye pack had activated. **The suspect was described as a black male, approximately 20 years of age, 5'10" tall, with a slim build. He was last seen wearing a black ski mask, black jacket, gray hooded sweater, blue jeans, black knit gloves, and black shoes, armed with a black handgun.** Anyone with information about the suspect is urged to call the Prince George's County Police Department's Robbery Unit at 301-772-4905. <http://cms.princegeorgescountymd.gov/police/news/default.aspx?itemid=2980>

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Police Seek Assistance in Locating Commercial Robbery Suspects

On January 5, 2011 at approximately 1:55 p.m., three suspects robbed a victim at gunpoint while he worked as an employee at the Game Stop located in the 5700 block of Silver Hill Road. One of the suspects entered the store and immediately made demands for money and store property, while the other two suspects watched customers in the store. Once the money and property were obtained, all suspects fled the location on foot. **Suspect #1 is described as a black male, approximately 20 years of age, about 6' tall with a medium build. He had a goatee and was wearing glasses, a black hooded jacket, a black hat and gloves, and armed with a black handgun. Suspect #2 is a black male with a thin build and a small scar over his left eyebrow. He was wearing a black mask, a black hooded sweat jacket with a thin white stripe down the sleeves. Suspect #3 is a black male, approximately 5'9" with a thin build. He**

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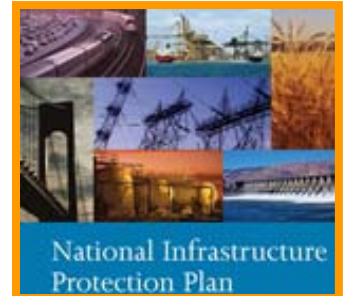


was wearing a gray hooded sweat shirt, a black coat with a partial black mask, and blue jeans. Anyone with information about the robbery or the suspects is urged to call the Prince George's County Police Department's Robbery Unit at 301-772-4905. <http://cms.princegeorgescountymd.gov/police/news/default.aspx?itemid=2981>

Homeland Security Details Critical Infrastructure Protection Strategy

(DHS Initiative)

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) plans to ride the momentum of critical infrastructure protection efforts it began last year into 2011. Last year DHS collaborated with both public and private sector partners to review what protections are in place at the facility level and assess the most significant critical infrastructure in the United States to identify potential gaps in security. The agency also gave those in charge of facilities options to manage vulnerabilities that were identified. Other areas of focus in 2011 will be to enhance regional and local resilience, stressing recovery from catastrophic events; to improve support for critical infrastructure owners and operators and homeland security officials in the field through better information sharing and other means; and to provide continuous assessment and adjust facility operations based on what the agency and stakeholders learn from those assessments. <http://www.informationweek.com/news/government/security/showArticle.jhtml?articleID=229000042>



Myriad flu strains emerging worldwide

(Public Health)

As confirmed cases of influenza in the United Kingdom over the last couple of weeks rose from 40 percent to 50 percent and at a level that qualifies as an epidemic, flu virus strains also have begun to spread elsewhere in Western Europe, the Middle East, and Southeast Asia. In the United States, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported that flu activity is now rampant in New York, Alabama, Georgia, and Mississippi. Moderate flu infections have been reported in Louisiana, Arizona, Florida, Illinois, Kentucky, and Nevada. <http://www.hstoday.us/briefings/daily-news-briefings/single-article/myriad-flu-strains-emerging-worldwide/130e079705c2f7f70aacc66bf45633b5.html>



Metro Robberies Increase

Robberies at Metro stations have increased 17 percent in 2010 when compared to the same period in 2009, causing Metro Transit Police to increase patrols based on crime at specific stations. The majority of robberies have occurred inside trains, or on station platforms, with thieves mostly targeting cell phones and iPods. This increase reflects a nationwide trend, as other agencies such as the MBTA and CTA also report an increase in robberies, particularly of cell phones and iPods. Transit Police remind us to keep our purses close -- and closed. They also say to always stand in well-lit areas, and be alert. Keep iPhones or other expensive items out of sight. <http://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local-beat/Hide-Those-iPhones-Metro-Robberies-Increase-112342339.html>



HHS Announces Resources for Hospital Preparedness Exercises

(Public Health)

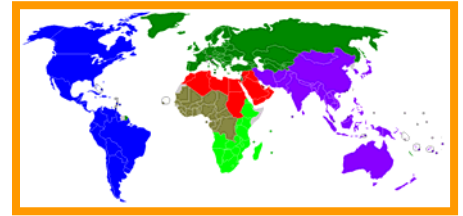
The Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) has released the [Hospital Preparedness Exercises Atlas of Resources and Tools](#) planner to give hospital emergency planners a structured compendium of available resources and tools that can help them plan for, design and develop, conduct, evaluate and improve hospital preparedness exercises. The Atlas "describes nearly 200 resources and tools that are available to help exercise coordinators meet federal funding requirements and accreditation standards throughout the exercise cycle. Each entry provides descriptive and citation information for the resource or tool," HHS said. <http://www.hstoday.us/briefings/daily-news-briefings/single-article/hhs-announces-resources-for-hospital-preparedness-exercises/63d35215bee9fbb469ac626c69bc5cd.html>



DHS partners with World Customs Organization on shipping

(DHS Initiative)

Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano announced a new partnership with the World Customs Organization (WCO) Jan. 6 aimed at enlisting other nations, international bodies and the private sector to help increase the security of the global supply chain. Napolitano highlighted DHS' commitment to working with customs agencies and shipping companies from around the world to keep precursor chemicals that can be used to produce improvised explosive devices (IEDs) from being trafficked by terrorists.



Napolitano also emphasized DHS' domestic efforts to address this issue, including creating a first of its kind center to coordinate all U.S. government efforts on export enforcement, and working with institutions across America where these chemicals are common – such as hospitals, labs, and beauty supply companies – to prevent their diversion for use in IEDs. http://www.gsnmagazine.com/article/22158/dhs_partners_world_customs_organization_shipping

Weekend Global Incident

AFGHANISTAN - 5 Suspected Insurgents Detained In Northern Afghanistan
 AFGHANISTAN - Afghan Forces Kill 6 Militants
 AFGHANISTAN - Afghan Police Kill 2 Militants Including Commander - Detain 2
 AFGHANISTAN - Danish Soldier Killed In Afghanistan - Military
 ARIZONA - Bomb Squad Called to Suspicious Device at Giffords HQ – false alarm
 ARIZONA - UPDATED - AZ Congresswoman Giffords Shot at Event in Tucson - 19 Shot 6 Killed
 ARKANSAS - Bomb Squad Investigates Suspicious Item at Restaurant - False Alarm
 AUSTRALIA - Terrorist Threats against 4 Coptic Churches in Sydney
 AZERBAIJAN - Weapons Have Been Found At the Store Owned By the Chairman of the IPA
 CALIFORNIA - Man Found With Explosives Jailed On 9 Felony Charges
 COLOMBIA - Colombian Police Foil Guerrilla Attack on Power Lines
 COLOMBIA - Colombian Rebel Attack Leaves Nine Dead
 COLOMBIA - Colombian Rebel Leader Karina Surrenders
 COLOMBIA - FARC Guerrillas Attack Police Patrol
 DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA - Authorities investigate suspicious package near the White House
 EGYPT - 5 Muslim Brotherhood Members Convicted In Egypt
 FLORIDA - Bomb Scare Evacuates Publix in Greenacres
 FLORIDA - Bomb Threat on Plane Halts Takeoff
 FLORIDA - Suspicious Package Found At Miami International Airport
 FRANCE - Blast at Tunisian Consulate in France Called Terrorist Act
 GAZA - IDF Strikes in Gaza after Mortar Fire
 INDIA - IED Recovered
 INDIA - Indian Police Kill 9 Suspected Maoists
 INDIA - Kids Find Grenade in Chocolate Box
 INDIA - Liquid Explosive Recovered From Maoist Camp in Orissa
 INDIA - Maoists Blow up Railway Cabin Signal Point - Take 12 Hostage
 IRAQ - 2 Kids Killed In Diala Bomb Blast
 IRAQ - 2 Mortars - Explosive Materials - Discovered In Baghdad
 IRAQ - 3 Civilians Wounded In Blast near Kirkuk
 IRAQ - 4 Wounded In Mosul Blast
 IRELAND - Double Petrol Bomb Attack in Garvagh
 IRELAND - Police Probe Spate of Bomb Alerts
 ISRAEL - Arab with Pipe Bomb Shot at Jordan Valley Checkpoint
 ISRAEL - IDF Thwarts Infiltration from Sinai
 ISRAEL - IED Explodes North Of Jerusalem
 ISRAEL - Islamic Jihad Terrorists in Gaza Fire Mortars at Israel Injuring 3 Thai Workers
 JAPAN - Anti-Whalers Accused Of Using Stun Grenades
 MARYLAND - Suspicious Package Causes Concern
 MEXICO - 15 Beheaded Of 23 Dead In Acapulco - Police
 MEXICO - 4 Men Gunned Down In Mexico City

UNCLASSIFIED - OPEN SOURCE INFORMATION

MEXICO - Man Beheaded - Another Shot Dead in Cancun
NIGER - French Nationals Kidnapped In Niger
NIGERIA - 2 Killed In Attack on Nigerian Candidates Home
OREGON - Newport Bomb - Gassing Threats End In Arrest
PAKISTAN - 2 Militants Killed Planting Bomb near Bridge
PAKISTAN - 5 Gas Wells Blown Up In Sui
PAKISTAN - 50kg Bomb on Motorcycle Defused Nead Bus Stop
PAKISTAN - Bomb Blast Injures 3 Soldiers - 3 Bombs Defused
PAKISTAN - Terrorists Blow up Health Department Building
PHILIPPINES - 11 Killed In clashes Between Govt Troops - Leftist Rebels in Southern Philippines
PHILIPPINES - 2 Killed - 2 Wounded In Gun Battle in Southern Philippines
PHILIPPINES - Philippine Troops Kill 2 Suspected Muslim Militants
PHILIPPINES - Police Detonate Pipe Bomb in Isabela Subdivision
PHILIPPINES - Roadside Bomb Meant For Bus Explodes But Misses Target
PHILIPPINES - Village Official Killed - 5 Soldiers Wounded In Leftist Rebels Attack in Davao Del Sur
PHILIPPINES - 6 Killed In Philippine Clashes with Suspected Communist Rebels
RUSSIA - 1 Killed - 8 Injured In Grozny Skirmish
RUSSIA - 500g TNT Bomb Defused Next To District Hospital
RUSSIA - Shootout near Chechen Capital Leaves 1 Dead - 8 Wounded
SAUDI ARABIA - Saudi Arabia Asks Interpol to Help Arrest 47 Militants
SAUDI ARABIA - Suspected Terrorists Appeal 325 Verdicts
SOMALIA - Extremist Group Attacks Old Port of Mogadishu
SUDAN - 25 Persons Killed In Armed Clashes in Disputed Abyei
SUDAN - South Sudan Army Kills 6 Rebels
SWEDEN - Suspected bomb in Tensta
UNITED KINGDOM - 2 Northern Ireland Bombs Defused
UNITED KINGDOM - Petrol Bomb Attack on Derry House
VENEZUELA - Chavez Calls Burning Of Govt Building Terrorism
For more information on the above incidents please visit www.globalincidentmap.com

Resources

GlobalIncidentMap.com

A Global Display of Terrorism And Other Suspicious Events

DomesticTerrorMap.com

Washington DC Links

Live Traffic Reports <http://www.ddot.dc.gov/traffic>

Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency <http://hsema.dc.gov/dcema/site/default.asp>

DC Department of Health <http://dchealth.dc.gov/doh/site/default.asp>

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To request a DC Government Service, call 311 or 202-727-1000, also online at <http://src.dc.gov>

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