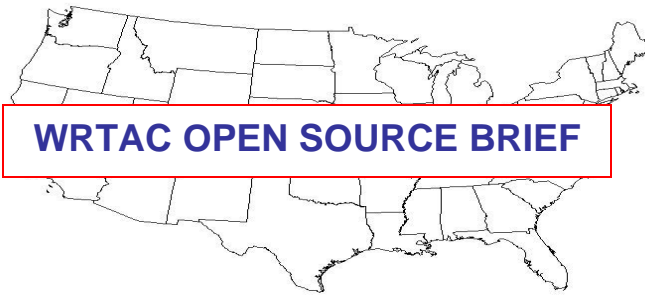


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Daring Terror Attack on Power Station Kills 2

(Global Terrorism)

A daring terrorist attack on a hydropower station in the southern republic of Kabardino-Balkaria on Wednesday killed two police guards and stirred fears that Islamist militants, emboldened by a first success, might start pursuing other economic targets. The attack, which saw three to five gunmen break into the 25-megawatt station and plant five bombs on the premises, marks a milestone for Islamist militants, who have threatened to attack economic targets across Russia since at least 2009 but never before succeeded. The assailants fled the scene following the attack. Authorities claim to know the identities of the assailants, and some reports indicate that the same individuals might have attacked a nearby police station with grenade launchers prior to the power plant incident.



Exterior of the plant after the attack. (RIA Novosti)

Implications for Washington D.C.:

- Critical infrastructure is known to be a high-priority target for a variety of terrorist movements, and is also vulnerable to isolated acts of sabotage.
- Access to particularly sensitive compartments within a critical infrastructure facility should be limited as much as possible to mitigate the effects of isolated or coordinated attack scenarios.
- Security personnel at such facilities should maintain constant vigilance and immediately report any suspicious activities to local law enforcement.

FULL ARTICLE: <http://www.themoscowtimes.com/news/article/terror>

Source: Additional Reading: "Jihadist Group Claims Russian Train Bombing," released by KavKaz Center on December 2, 2009 and obtained from the NEFA website at http://www.nefafoundation.org/miscellaneous/nefa_trainbombclaim1209.pdf.

Bombings leave at least 20 dead in Iraqi city of Karbala

(Global Terrorism)

Two car bombs targeting pilgrims in the southern city of Karbala killed at least 20 people Monday evening, and a bombing outside the Baghdad bureau of a popular Arab satellite television station left at least six people dead earlier in the day, Iraqi officials said. Iraqi army officials said the suicide bomber managed to sneak in the explosives packed in a minivan by telling guards at the entrance of the compound that he was a cell phone tower repairman. **Iraqi army officials said the suicide bomber managed to sneak in the explosives packed in a minivan by telling guards at the entrance of the compound that he was a cell phone tower repairman.**



<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/07/26/AR2010072600616.html>

Analyst Note: Although this incident occurred in Iraq, there has been an increase in surveillance and penetration attempts at domestic installations in the last several weeks. Law enforcement and security personnel should be aware of suspicious activities and security vulnerabilities. Possible preoperational suspicious activities include:

SURVEILLANCE. Someone recording or monitoring activities. They are using cameras (either still or video), note taking, drawing diagrams, annotating on maps or using binoculars or other vision-enhancing devices.

•**ELICITATION.** People or organizations attempting to gain information about military operations, capabilities or people. Elicitation attempts may be made by mail, fax, telephone or in person.

•**TESTS OF SECURITY.** Any attempts to measure reaction times to security breaches or to penetrate physical security barriers or procedures in order to assess strengths and weaknesses.

•**SUSPICIOUS PERSONS/VEHICLES OUT OF PLACE.** People or vehicles that don't seem to belong around the workplace, neighborhood, business establishment, or anywhere else. Remember for suspicious individuals incidents, provide as much information as possible including gender, clothing type and color, approximate height, distinguishing marks, etc. For vehicles a vehicle description including color, make, model and most important a license plate number (even a partial plate number), is extremely helpful.

•**DRY RUN.** Putting people into position and moving them around according to their plan without actually committing the terrorist or criminal act. An element of this activity could also include mapping out routes and determining the timing of traffic lights and flow.

•**DEPLOYING ASSETS.** People and supplies getting into position in order to commit a criminal or terrorist act.

•**ANYTHING OUT OF THE ORDINARY.** If you do not know what that person, package, e-mail, phone call or event is about -- REPORT IT! 1-888-919-CRIME, Text Tip: 50411, wrtac@dc.gov or SAR@dc.gov .

Virginia Man Arrested on Charges He Aided Terror

(Domestic Terrorism)

A 20-year-old Oakton High graduate who played football and rowed crew at the Fairfax County school was arrested Wednesday as an alleged terrorist recruit after he had been stopped on his way to join an al-Qaeda-linked group in Somalia, federal officials said. Zachary Adam Chesser was barred July 10 from leaving New York City for Uganda on a multi-leg journey to join al-Shabab. Chesser said he exchanged e-mails directly with the Yemeni cleric Anwar al-Aulaqi, who helped direct Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab's attempt to blow up a Detroit-bound plane on Christmas. Counterterrorism analysts warn that his evolution from propagandist to alleged terrorist-enlistee exemplifies the growing trend of young Americans whose passports and appearance make them valued potential operatives. Another recent example includes five young men from the Alexandria area who were convicted in Pakistan of trying to join the fight against the United States in Afghanistan. Many of the suspects contacted al-Qaeda or related groups in Pakistan, Afghanistan, Yemen and other countries via the Internet, and slipped away from their families. Source:



<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/07/21/AR2010072104577.html?sid=ST2010072106133>

Report: Rise in New Terror Groups

(Global Terrorism)

A new report by the National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START), based at the University of Maryland pointed to a trend



in the rise in the number of new terror groups and a drop in the number of coordinated attacks. Points to consider: The START researchers found that the rising number of new terror organizations world wide, averaging 41 new organizations per year since 2000, but the rate of coordinated attacks has been declining from the previous decade. In addition the organizations today do not reflect one ideology, but rather, there are new groups representing a wide array of ideological beliefs and particular goals, complicating counterterrorism and anti-terrorism efforts in countries around the world. Consider a Internet posting, by U.S.-born al-Qaeda spokesman Adam Gadahn making a public pitch for smaller, single acts of jihad saying in a video: "Even apparently unsuccessful attacks on Western mass transportation systems can bring major cities to a halt, cost the enemy billions and send his corporations into bankruptcy," Source: The Virtual Report (TVR)/ <http://www.start.umd.edu/start/research/projects/>

West Nile Virus confirmed in Alexandria, VA. & AA County, Md.

(Public Safety)

Mosquitoes found in Anne Arundel County tested positive for West Nile virus this week, marking the first sign of the disease in Maryland in 2010. Officials confirmed the presence of the virus in the mosquitoes on Monday. Workers collected the mosquito sample on July 13 from a mosquito pool in the Linthicum area. Mosquito control personnel have since sprayed the area to kill infected mosquitoes. For more information on the West Nile Virus, eliminating mosquito breeding and avoiding mosquito bites please visit:



<http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/local/blogs/capital-land/alexandria-reports-west-nile-virus-98640849.html#ixzz0uVTHM2IG>

DC Department of Health Offers Tips to Stay Safe in the Heat

(Public Safety)

As temperatures heat up, the DC Department of Health (DOH) reminds residents of the importance of staying healthy in the heat during the summer months. Below are tips on how residents can avoid heat stroke and stay cool during high temperatures. If you suspect that you or someone you know is experiencing a heat related illness, please call 911. Department of Human Services (DHS) will be working with the Community Partnership for the Prevention of Homelessness (TCP) to open up cooling centers and provide water to District residents once an emergency heat alert is declared; this action is taken to prevent dehydration and heat stroke. Those in need of transportation to a DHS Cooling Center can call 800-535-7252 for assistance. For more information on heat-related illness prevention, go to http://www.bt.cdc.gov/disasters/extremeheat/heat_guide.asp.



Source: <http://newsroom.dc.gov/show.aspx/agency/doh/section/2/release/20173>

DC Department of Health Reminds Residents of Food Safety After Power Outage

(Public Health)

With power outages affecting the region, the DC Department of Health reminds residents that during and after power outages residents should inspect all refrigerated food items before eating. Food may not be safe for consumption in the event of a power outage, and should be examined before eating to reduce the risk of food borne illness. Please refer to the DC Department of Health website at:



<http://newsroom.dc.gov/show.aspx/agency/doh/section/2/release/20246>

DC Department of Health Makes Food Inspections Available Online

(Public Health Initiative)

The DC Department of Health (DOH) announced today that current health inspection notices, and notices from the past three years, are now available on its website, doh.dc.gov. DOH's Food Safety and Hygiene Inspection Services Division (FSHISD) conduct over 5,000 annual inspections. The addition of past inspections to the online system is an ongoing process for FSHISD staff; however, new reports are scanned into the system on a daily basis and will be available to the public as they are processed into the online inspection system. Residents can search by zip code, licensee name or restaurant name in order to locate the health inspection history of their favorite food establishment. For more information, or to locate health inspection reports, visit http://washington.dc.gov/webadmin/dhd_431/web/.



DHS "If You See Something, Say Something" Campaign for General Aviation

(H.S. Initiative)

Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Janet Napolitano and Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Administrator John S. Pistole today launched two major enhancements to general aviation security - the general aviation component of DHS's nationwide "If You See Something, Say Something" campaign, and a streamlined system for vetting passengers and crew on general aviation aircraft entering and exiting the United States through a single, Department-wide process.



http://www.dhs.gov/ynews/releases/pr_1280176088861.shtm.

For more information, visit www.tsa.gov or www.dhs.gov.

FDIC: Top 5 fraud threats

(Criminal TTP)

The chief of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation’s Cyber Fraud and Financial Crimes Section recently released his top five list of fraud threats of concern to the FDIC: **1. Malware and Botnets; 2. Phishing; 3. Data Breaches; 4. Counterfeit Checks; 5. Mortgage Fraud.** Malware and Botnets are software agents or robots that take over a user’s computer are often the root causes of commercial payments fraud, i.e. corporate account takeover. Phishing has evolved from badly-written, bogus e-mails to well-crafted assaults via e-mail, telephone and text message. While most data breaches have occurred on the merchant and payments processor sides of the business, financial institutions are still deeply impacted by these losses. Although circulation of fake checks continues to drop, counterfeit check fraud remains prevalent. Mortgage fraud crimes committed against financial institutions, as well as mortgage rescue scams that affect consumers and mortgage holders, continue to plague the financial market. Source: http://www.bankinfosecurity.com/articles.php?art_id=2774



Report: Imported catfish human health risk

(Public Health)

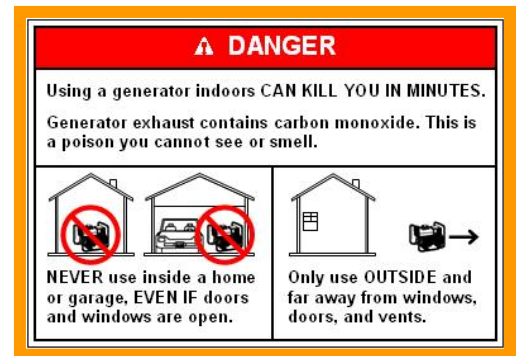
According to a report from Exponent Inc.’s Center for Chemical Regulation and Food Safety, eating contaminated catfish imported from Vietnam and China could have “serious long-term human health consequences.” The report cites “major hazards” associated with aquaculture fish, including pathogenic microorganisms, antimicrobial drug residues, and environmental chemicals. The chairwoman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, joined the group, Food & Water Watch, and the Catfish Farmers of America in unveiling the report July 22 on Capitol Hill. She said she had been “loud and clear” on the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA’s) delay in implementing the catfish inspection rule, part of the 2008 Farm Bill, which shifted jurisdiction over catfish safety from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to the USDA’s Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS). The rule has yet to be implemented. The proposed rule has languished in the Office of Management and Budget reportedly because of objections raised by the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative over concerns that countries currently exporting catfish to the U.S. may not be able to meet the food safety standards FSIS would require.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2010/07/report-imported-catfish-human-health-risk/>

Portable Generator Safety

(Public Safety)

Due to the storm over the weekend, the NCR has experienced large power outages which are expected to continue through Friday and possibly over the weekend. As of July 27 1500hrs the Maryland Emergency Management Agency is reporting over 100,000 power outages <http://www.mema.state.md.us/MEMA/index.jsp>. Residents without power and using generators should remain alert of the hazards and safety precautions of portable generators. Every year, people die in incidents related to portable generator use. Most of the incidents associated with portable generators reported to CPSC involve CO poisoning from generators used indoors or in partially-enclosed spaces. If you start to feel sick, dizzy, or weak while using a generator, get to fresh air RIGHT AWAY. DO NOT DELAY. The CO from generators can rapidly kill you.



For more information on generator safety please visit <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/pubs/portgen.html>.

Colorado Students Learn Disaster Response Skills, Glimpse Careers

(Public Safety Initiative)

ReadyColorado, a public awareness campaign originally started by the Denver Urban Area Security Initiative, has sponsored two courses this summer aimed at giving middle and high school students the skills they will need to help mitigate the impact disasters have on them, their loved ones and their communities. The courses provide skills including CPR and first aid for the middle school class, adding psychological first aid, basic search and rescue, and triage for the high school students.

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/training/Colorado-Students-Disaster-Response.html>



Weekend Incident Update from GlobalIncidentMap.com

AFGHANISTAN - 4 NATO Soldiers Killed In IED Attack In Southern Afghanistan
AFGHANISTAN - ISI Continues To Support Taliban In Afghanistan
AFGHANISTAN - ISI Had Free Hand To Aid Insurgency In India - Afghanistan
AFGHANISTAN - Taliban Outfit Kills 1 US Soldier - Holds Another After Abduction
AFGHANISTAN - Taliban Say 2 US Soldiers Captured In Afghanistan
AFGHANISTAN - Taliban Seize Key District In Afghan East
AFGHANISTAN - Top US Officer Warns Afghan War Will Get Worse
ALGERIA - 1 Killed In Suicide Bomb Attack On Algerian Gendarmerie
AUSTRALIA - Ballajura Man Sought After Explosive Device Detonated In Garage
BANGLADESH - 25 Suspected Militants Arrested In Bangladesh
BANGLADESH - Hasina Asks Deputy Commissioners To Remain Alert Against Militant Activities
BANGLADESH - Two JMB Men Jailed Each For 20 Years
BOSNIA - British Tourists Warned Of Terrorist Threat In Bosnia
BRAZIL - Brazilian Indians Take Hostages At Amazon Dam Site
COLOMBIA - Five Travelers Killed in Southwest Colombia
COLOMBIA - Soldier Wounded While Clearing Landmines in Colombia
CONGO - Rebels Attack Plane - Abduct Pilot - Copilot Escapes With Plane
CYPRUS - 2 Arrested In Theft Of 172 Kilos Plastic Explosives
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA - Bomb Threat At Howard University
DR CONGO - Congo Rebels Seize Indian Pilot In Attack On Plane
GAZA - Israel Bombs 3 Targets In Gaza Following Rocket Attacks
INDIA - 2 Bangladeshi Twins Get 10-Yr Rigorous Imprisonment
INDIA - 2 Maoists Held In Bihar
INDIA - 4 Militants Arrested In Assam
INDIA - Acid Bag Creates A Scare At Kochi Airport
INDIA - Bomb Hoax At Valapattanam Bridge
INDIA - Bomb Hurdles Incident In Jagatsinghpur
INDIA - Bomb Threat To Usha Athletic Academy
INDIA - Five KLO Militants Nabbed
INDIA - Four Naxals arrested in Chhattisgarh - Explosives Seized
INDIA - Hoax Call Delays Dubai-Bound Air India Flight
INDIA - Manipur Militants Plant Bomb In Front Of Factory
INDIA - Maoist Camp Destroyed In 20-Hour Jharkhand Gunfight
INDIA - Maoists Start Using Nagpur As Transit And Treatment Hub
INDIA - Militants Attack CRPF Camp - 3 Constables Injured
INDIA - Militants Kill Four Troopers In Assam
INDIA - Naxals Kill Man In Gondia
INDIA - Security Forces Kill Six Maoists In West Bengal
INDIA - Suspected Extremist Arrested In Punjab
INDIA - Suspected Maoists Kill Trinamool Supporter
INDIA - Suspected Naxal Rebels Kill School Headmaster In Eastern India
INDIA - Suspicious Pak Trawler - Laden With Fuel - Rations Is Seized
IRAN - Iran Arrests Suspects In Mosque Suicide Bombings
IRAN - Iran Says It Has 100 Vessels For Each US Warship
IRAQ - Bomb Kills 4 At Baghdad Office Of Arab Channel

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IRAQ - Cop Killed - 2 Wounded In IED Blast In Western Mosul
IRAQ - Twin Car Bomb In Iraq Kills 19
IRAQ - US Camp In Diwnaiya Comes Under Rocket Attack
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IRELAND - Polish Anarchist Linked To Corrib Gas Pipeline Protest
ISRAEL - 5 Palestinians Arrested With Weapons
ISRAEL - Bomb Explodes Outside Home Of Witness In Corruption Case
ISRAEL - Box With Explosives Found In Bat Yam
ISRAEL - Explosives Seized On Construction Site
ISRAEL - Fourth Spy Suspect Arrested From Majdal Shams
ISRAEL - Gaza Militants May Be Firing A New Type Of Rocket Into Israel - Police Say
ISRAEL - Hand Grenade Thrown At Haifa Vehicle
ISRAEL - Updated - 4 Rockets Fall In South - None Injured
MASSACHUSETTS - Vehicle Hit With Molotov Cocktail - 2nd Incident In 2 Months
MAURITANIA - Al Qaeda Claims To Have Killed French Hostage After Raid
MAURITANIA - Sarkozy Says Will Punish Al Qaeda Killers Of French Hostage
MICHIGAN - McDonalds Evacuated After Bomb Threat
MYANMAR - Myanmar Feared Working On Nuclear Bombs - Rockets
NEPAL - Bomb Exploded At Municipality Officers Residence
NEW JERSEY - Secaucus Police Investigate A Bomb Threat At NBA Entertainment
NIGERIA - Nigeria On Alert For Taliban Uprising Anniversary
NORTH KOREA - North Korea Declares Sacred War On US And South Korea
OREGON - Pipe Bomb Found In Motel - Highway Closed
PAKISTAN - 16 Killed In US Drone Strikes In Northwest Pakistan
PAKISTAN - 2 Policeman Killed - 14 Injured In Checkpost Attack Near Peshawar
PAKISTAN - 4 Killed - 5 Injured In US Drone Attack In NW Pakistan
PAKISTAN - 7 Killed In Bomb Blast Outside Provincial Ministers House In Northwest Pakistan
PAKISTAN - Karachi Bus Firing Wounds Seven
PAKISTAN - Lashkar-E-Taiba Has Become Global Threat - Mullen
PAKISTAN - Militants Blow Up School In Peshawar
PAKISTAN - Officials Say Gunmen Kill Anti-Taliban Ministers Son In Northwest Pakistan
PAKISTAN - Pakistani Taliban Claim Responsibility For Suicide Blast In Northwest Pakistan
PAKISTAN - Pakistani Taliban Claims Responsibility For Killing Of Ministers Son
PAKISTAN - Security Forces Action In Orakzai Kills 14 Militants
PAKISTAN - Unknown Miscreants Torch Van In Gulshan-E-Iqbal
PHILIPPINES - Gunmen Kill Town Councilor In Southern Philippines
PHILIPPINES - Suspected Abu Terrorist Nabbed In Zamboanga
RUSSIA - 2 Militants Killed In Shootout In Ingushetia
RUSSIA - 5 People Killed - 7 Injured In Shoot-Out In Southern Russia
RUSSIA - Police Officer Murdered In Dagestan
RUSSIA - Police Officers Sentenced For Extremist Activities In Sakhalin
RUSSIA - Suspects In Russian Power Plant Attack Killed
RUSSIA - Two Militants Killed In Ingushetia
RUSSIA - Two Servicemen Killed In Chechnya
SEYCHELLES - 11 Somali Pirates Get Decade In Seychelles Prison
SOMALIA - 13 Insurgents Killed In Somalias Puntland
SOMALIA - 8 people killed in shelling in Mogadishu
SOMALIA - Somali Islamic Group Cracks Down On TV Sets
SWEDEN - Bomb Explosion At Auction Company In Malmo
TEXAS - Bomb Squad Called To Suspicious Item At Gas Pumps
TEXAS - Questionable Reports - Mexican Drug Cartel Los Zetas Attack 2 Texas Ranches
THAILAND - 5 Rangers Injured In Narathiwat Bomb Attack
THAILAND - Abhisit Tightens Security in Bangkok After Bomb Blast Kills One
THAILAND - Updated - Bomb At Bangkok Bus Stop Kills 1 - Wounds 10
TURKEY - 2 Policemen Killed In Attack In South Turkey
TURKEY - 4 Soldiers Wounded In Roadside Bomb Explosion In Eastern Turkey
TURKEY - 6 Soldiers Wounded In Turkeys Landmine Blast

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TURKEY - Police Detain Chief Suspect In Turkey Coup Case
UGANDA - Uganda Calls For Defeat Of Terrorism In Africa
UGANDA - Ugandan Security On High Alert Ahead Of AU Summit
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES - BlackBerry Poses Security Threat - Says UAE
UNITED KINGDOM - Hundreds Evacuated After Bomb Scare Near Marine Camp
UNITED KINGDOM - Terrorists Will Attack UK In Revenge For Invading Afghanistan - Imran Khan
USA - CANADA - LTTE Ship Sighted Off US Coast
WISCONSIN - Bomb Squad Detonates Suspicious Package In Marshall
YEMEN - 3 Al-Qaeda Gunmen Killed After Attacking Troops In Yemen
YEMEN - Updated - Al Qaida Kills 6 Yemeni Soldiers Guarding Southern Austrian Oil Firm
YEMEN - Yemen Shiite Rebels Seize Army Post - Capture Soldiers
For 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>

Sign-up for Alerts <https://textalert.ema.dc.gov/index.php?CCheck=1>

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