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UPCOMING SIGNIFICANT DATES

<u>DATE OF ACTIVITY</u>	<u>ACTIVITY NAME / EVENT NAME</u>
*****NOTE*****	There are no Current (Known) Credible Threats
May 30, 2011	Memorial Day
July 4, 2011	Independence Day

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Proposal For A 'No Ride List' For Train

A controversial proposal to create a 'no ride list' for Amtrak trains, similar to the 'no fly lists' on airlines, is prompting some strong opinions. The suggestion from Senator Charles Schumer of New York comes after intelligence obtained at Osama bin Laden's compound indicated al Qaeda might be targeting our nation's train system. Last year alone, Amtrak trains carried 28.7 million passengers. Under Senator Schumer's plan, Amtrak employees would be responsible for checking passenger reservations against a no-ride list. At Union Station, bomb-sniffing dogs remain a presence. Amtrak officials say security hasn't been increased in recent days, but vigilance has. Senator Schumer's plan is aimed at closing the door on potential terrorists, and he said he'd push for more funding for rail security. Amtrak issued a statement Monday saying all countermeasures help protect the rail system and a 'do not ride list' is no exception. It would, according to Amtrak, have to be developed in close coordination with the Transportation Security Administration and implemented in a way that would respect civil rights and allow for the rapid flow of passengers and trains.

<http://www.wusa9.com/news/dcnews/article/150240/187/No-Ride-List-Proposal-For-Trains-Ignites-Controversy>



Al-Qaida Aspired to Attack US Train on 9/11/11

(Terrorism TTP)

Al-Qaida considered attacking U.S. trains on the 10th anniversary of the September 11th attacks, according to an initial look at DVDs, computers, and other documents seized at the raid on home of the al-Qaida leader killed by U.S. troops, NBC News reported May 5. However, U.S. officials told NBC News they have no recent intelligence indicating such a plot is active. The information about a possible train plot is the first intelligence revealed from the trove of material found in the attack on his compound. Officials said they found what they call "aspirational" items, things al-Qaida operatives were interested in trying to make happen. A government advisory obtained by NBC News and sent May 3 to the rail industry said that as far back as February 2010, al-Qaida was contemplating "an operation against trains at an unspecified location in the United States on the 10th anniversary" of the September 11th attacks. One option, the advisory said, was trying to tip a train by tampering with the rails so that the train would fall off the track at either a valley or on a bridge. Such an attempt would probably only work once, the material in the leader's house said, because tilting or tampering with the rails would be spotted, according to the advisory. Other material mentions a desire to target big mass-transit hubs, an interest long understood because of the history of al-Qaida attacks on rail targets in Spain, the United Kingdom, and India. The FBI and DHS are encouraging local governments to maintain vigilance.



http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/42922557/ns/world_news-death_of_bin_laden/?gt1=43001

Police: IED Found Near Chester Train Tracks

(Terrorism TTP)

Police from Chester, Pennsylvania, are urging vigilance after they found an improvised explosive device May 6 near Amtrak and Septa railroad tracks and the Commodore Barry Bridge. Police said the device consisted of two bottles with a yellow liquid inside. They said one had a timer and wires attached by duct tape. Police were not sure if the device was really explosive but evacuated the area as a precaution. The Delaware County bomb squad determined that it was and disarmed it. The device was found about 2 p.m., near third and Reaney Streets, which is underneath the bridge and close to the tracks Septa's Wilmington-Newark line uses. An investigation is underway.

<http://philadelphia.cbslocal.com/2011/05/06/police-ied-found-near-chester-train-tracks/>

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Malicious Software Features Osama bin Laden Links to Ensnare Unsuspecting Computer Users

The FBI today warns computer users to exercise caution when they receive e-mails that purport to show photos or videos of Usama bin Laden's recent death. This content could be a virus that could damage your computer. This malicious software, or "malware," can embed itself in computers and spread to users' contact lists, thereby infecting the systems of associates, friends, and family members. These viruses are often programmed to steal your personally identifiable information. The Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) urges computer users to not open unsolicited (spam) e-mails, including clicking links contained within those messages. Even if the sender is familiar, the public should exercise due diligence. Computer owners must ensure they have up-to-date firewall and anti-virus software running on their machines to detect and deflect malicious software. The IC3 recommends the public do the following:



- Adjust the privacy settings on social networking sites you frequent to make it more difficult for people you know and do not know to post content to your page. Even a "friend" can unknowingly pass on multimedia that's actually malicious software.
- Do not agree to download software to view videos. These applications can infect your computer.
- Read e-mails you receive carefully. Fraudulent messages often feature misspellings, poor grammar, and nonstandard English.

Report e-mails you receive that purport to be from the FBI. Criminals often use the FBI's name and seal to add legitimacy to their fraudulent schemes. In fact, the FBI does not send unsolicited e-mails to the public. Should you receive unsolicited messages that feature the FBI's name, seal, or that reference a division or unit within the FBI or an individual employee, report it to the Internet Crime Complaint Center at www.ic3.gov. <http://www.nationalterroralert.com/2011/05/03/fbi-%E2%80%94malicious-software-features-osama-bin-laden-links-to-ensnare-unsuspecting-computer-users/>

Two Men Arrested over Alleged Terror Plot in New York (Terrorism TTP)

Two U.S. residents, including one who complained that the world was treating Muslims "like dogs," bought guns and a grenade and wanted to carry out a terror plot against a New York synagogue. One of the alleged homegrown terrorists also expressed interest in bombing the Empire State Building, police Commissioner Raymond Kelly said. But there was no indication that the plot, orchestrated as part



of a sting operation, ever put New Yorkers in danger and no evidence that the men were affiliated with any terrorist organization. Ahmed Ferhani, a 26-year-old of Algerian descent, and Mohamed Mamdouh, a 20-year-old of Moroccan descent, plotted to bomb a "major synagogue" in Manhattan and bought several weapons and an inert hand grenade from an undercover officer. Officials said investigators had been using an undercover detective wearing a wire to track Ferhani for several months. They said the detective heard Ferhani say he hated Jews and was fed up with the way Muslims, especially Palestinians, were treated around the world. <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2011/05/12/men-arrested-alleged-terror-plot-new-york/?test=latestnews>

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CHECKLIST OF ACTIONS TO TAKE IF YOU FIND A SUSPICIOUS PACKAGE

1. Leave the mail piece or substance where it was found. Do not disturb. Do not try to clean up the substance.
2. Clear the immediate area of all persons and keep others away. Call local law enforcement authorities.
3. Instruct people in the immediate area to wash hands and other exposed skin with soap and water.
4. Direct these people to a designated area away from the substance to await further instruction.
5. List the names of the persons in the immediate area of the mail piece or substance.
6. Cordon off the immediate area.
7. Shut down all equipment in the immediate area and HVAC systems (heating, ventilation, and air conditioning).
8. If possible without disturbing the mail piece or substance, document.
9. Contact and pass information to the appropriate agency. A list of Contacts in case of Emergency is provided at right.
10. Take actions and make appropriate notifications as directed or as published in your local emergency plan.

Description of substance:

Description of mail piece (markings, labels, declarations, postage):

Addressee's name and address:

Mailer's name and address:

Recognizing suspicious packages, and following the specified actions will aid in the safety of those in the area of the package and may provide law enforcement and public health personnel with essential information in investigating the origins and dangers associated with the package.

Contacts in Case of EMERGENCY

Call **911** if you find a suspicious package.

FBI Investigating Intruder at Oregon Dam

The FBI wants to know the identity of a man who climbed a barbed wire fence and entered Lookout Point Dam, southeast of Eugene, on March 2. Surveillance cameras caught the intruder on tape just before 2 a.m. Raw Video: [Lookout Point Dam intruder caught on tape](http://www.kgw.com/news/local/Mystery-Intruder-at-Dam-121811964.html). The Army Corps of Engineers released the video in the hope the public will help identify the man. "We don't know exactly what he was doing or why he was there," said Erik Petersen, Operations Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. "We believe he was taking pictures of the facility. Why? We're not sure," said Petersen. PSU terrorism expert Gary Perlstein agreed there was reason to be concerned, noting that the man was camouflaged and had to intentionally climbed over barbed wire fencing to reach the spot where he was seen on surveillance cameras. Anyone with tips is asked to call: 1-866-413-7970.

<http://www.kgw.com/news/local/Mystery-Intruder-at-Dam-121811964.html>

(Criminal TTP)



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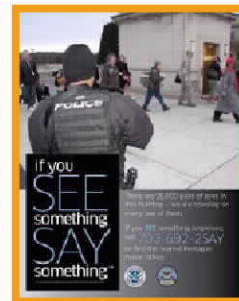
Egyptian Saif al-Adel now acting leader of al Qaeda, ex-militant says

An Egyptian who was once a Special Forces officer has been chosen "caretaker" leader of al Qaeda in the wake of Osama bin Laden's death. Al Qaeda's interim leader is Saif al-Adel, who has long played a prominent role in the group, according to Noman Benotman. He was once a leader of the Libyan Islamic Fighting Group (LIFG), a militant organization that used to be aligned with al Qaeda, but in recent years renounced al Qaeda's ideology. Benotman told CNN that based on his personal communications with militants and discussions on jihadist forums, al-Adel, also known as Muhammad Ibrahim Makkawi, had been chosen interim chief of al Qaeda because the global jihadist community had grown restive in recent days about the lack of a formal announcement of a successor to bin Laden. <http://edition.cnn.com/2011/WORLD/meast/05/17/mideast.al.qaeda.appointee/?hpt=TI>



Pentagon Force Protection Agency Partners with DHS on "If You See Something, Say Something" Campaign

The Pentagon Force Protection Agency (PFPA), in partnership with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), today launched a public awareness campaign, aimed at encouraging Pentagon employees, visitors, and commuters to report suspicious activity: "If You See Something, Say Something." The campaign centers on a new reporting system allowing people to report suspicious activity via telephone, e-mail and via the agency's website. The phone number used to report suspicious activity is 703-692-2SAY (703-692-2729). Reports can also be made via e-mail at 2say@pfpa.mil, and with an online reporting form available by clicking the "If You See Something, Say Something" image at www.pfpa.mil. Those who prefer a more direct approach are encouraged to speak to any officer with the Pentagon Police Department. <http://www.pfpa.mil/documents/11-008--SeeSomething.pdf>



Amtrak chief says trains more vulnerable to terrorism than Planes, wants to step up patrols

Amtrak's president said he wants to step up security patrols of the passenger rail network and explore new technologies able to provide advance warning of track tampering following revelations that the terrorist group al-Qaida considered attacking U.S. trains. He told a U.S. Senate panel May 17 that the agency has expanded its use of explosive-sniffing dogs and is in close contact with U.S. and international security agencies. The Amtrak president said promising ultrasonic and laser technologies may enable detection of track problems far ahead of trains. But he cautioned that trains are more vulnerable to attack than planes because terrorists have more ability to access trains and track. He said more patrols of tracks are needed to identify specific points of vulnerability. http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/amtrak-chief-says-trains-more-vulnerable-to-terrorism-than-planes-wants-to-step-up-patrols/2011/05/17/AFMA6n5G_story.html



May 19, Australian Business Traveler – (International) **Qantas flight QF32 A380 engine explosion.:** An Australian Transportation Safety Bureau (ATSB) air safety regulator released an interim report that blames engine manufacturer Rolls-Royce for the Airbus A380 engine failure on Qantas flight QF32 last November. The explosion in the engine shredded part of the wing and sent engine fragments into the side of the A380, necessitating an emergency landing in Singapore. In March, the ABC Four Corners TV program revealed Rolls-Royce knew the engines were defective. But the full extent of the problem is shown in the new ATSB report. The main focus is an oil pipe defect that "resulted in fatigue cracking in the pipe, so that oil sprayed into an engine cavity where it ignited because of the high air temperature." An engine disc then failed and spun out of control, wrecking the engine and sending parts flying into the wing and fuselage. Rolls-Royce did not keep adequate records of the oil pipe part that caused the near-disaster, the report said. "A lack of measurement

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records for the FW48020 standard oil feed pipes meant that Rolls-Royce was unable to establish whether those oil feed pipes had been manufactured to specification,” the ATSB ruled. It also recommended that Rolls-Royce address the safety issue and take actions necessary to ensure the safety of flight operations in transport aircraft equipped with Trent 900 series engines. Some of those actions have already been taken, resulting in the removal of 53 A380 engines from service since the QF32 incident. The ATSB’s final report is expected in May 2012. Source: <http://www.ausbt.com.au/qantas-flight-qf32-a380-engine-explosion-rolls-royce-to-blame-says-atsb-report>

May 19, CNN – (Illinois) ‘Potential conflict’ of planes probed. Federal officials are investigating a “potential conflict” between two planes at O’Hare International Airport in Chicago, Illinois, which happened shortly after the U.S. Vice President’s plane landed. “It has nothing to do with the Vice President’s plane,” a Federal Aviation Administration official said. An investigation by the National Transportation Safety Board will look into the incident May 16 between an ExpressJet plane taking off from one runway, while a SkyWest jet was preparing to land on an intersecting airstrip, an official said. The SkyWest aircraft, which was coming in behind the other jet, was ordered to circle around the airport after an air traffic controller recognized the potential conflict, the official said. It made an otherwise normal landing. The ExpressJet takeoff was not altered. The flights were being handled by different air traffic controllers, according to the official, who said there was “no operational error” — a term used when flights get too close to each other. Source: <http://www.nbcmontana.com/travelgetaways/27947354/detail.html>

May 18, Fort Myers News-Press – (Florida) Southwest Florida International Airport bomb threat suspect released. A Lehigh Acres, Florida man has been released from jail after he was accused of calling in a bomb threat to Southwest Florida International Airport in South Fort Myers May 17. The 37-year-old man was released May 18 without paying a bond, against recommendations of prosecutors, who urged a \$50,000 bond be set at his first appearance. A judge ordered him to undergo a mental health evaluation. A Port Authority police officer said the suspect’s mother dropped him off at the airport May 17 for a flight to Rhode Island. But the flight was delayed because of mechanical problems. It’s not clear how long the flight was delayed. At 9:34 a.m., a 911 call came into the Lee County Sheriff’s Office, warning of a bomb at the airport. Several more calls followed, alleging the same. Airport police and K-9 units went on high alert, and officers searched the terminal and perimeter. Meanwhile, the sheriff’s office worked to trace the call, which led to the suspect. The suspect is expected to appear in court in June. Source: <http://www.news-press.com/article/20110519/CRIME/105190397/Southwest->

Diary: Bin Laden eyed new targets, big body count:

Deep in hiding, his terror organization becoming battered and fragmented, Osama bin Laden kept pressing followers to find new ways to hit the U.S., officials say, citing his private journal and other documents recovered in last week’s raid.

Strike smaller cities, bin Laden suggested. Target trains as well as planes. Above all, kill as many Americans as possible in a single attack. Though he was out of the public eye and al-Qaida seemed to be weakening, bin Laden never yielded control of his worldwide organization, U.S. officials said Wednesday. His personal, handwritten journal and his massive collection of

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computer files reveal his hand at work in every recent major al-Qaida threat, including plots in Europe last year that had travelers and embassies on high alert, two officials said.

They described the intelligence to The Associated Press only on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk publicly about what was found in bin Laden's hideout. Analysts are continuing to review the documents. The information shatters the government's conventional thinking about bin Laden, who had been regarded for years as mostly an inspirational figurehead whose years in hiding made him too marginalized to maintain operational control of the organization he founded. Instead, bin Laden was communicating from his walled compound in Pakistan with al-Qaida's offshoots, including the Yemen branch that has emerged as the leading threat to the United States, the documents indicate.

No evidence Pakistan knew of bin Laden's hideout, top security official says:

The Obama administration has seen no evidence suggesting that Pakistan's intelligence, military or political establishment knew anything of Osama bin Laden's secret hideout in an army garrison town 35 miles from the capital, the White House's chief security official said Sunday. National security adviser Thomas E. Donilon said Islamabad remains a critical partner in battling al-Qaeda, despite new strains in U.S.-Pakistani relations a week after bin Laden was tracked down and killed by U.S. commandos in the town of Abbottabad. But he acknowledged that Pakistani officials have not yet granted Americans access to critical information gathered since the raid, including allowing interviews with bin Laden family members now in Pakistan's custody.

Bin Laden: Senior Al-Qaeda member warns US of 'worse' attack:

In the wake of the killing of Al-Qaeda leader Osama Bin Laden, a senior ranking member of Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) warned told the United States to brace itself for a terrorist attack that is "more intense" than it has ever experienced.

"Do not think that the case is over... what is coming is even worse, what awaits you is more intense and more damaging," jihad-monitoring website-monitoring service SITE quoted the message by Nasser al-Wahishi as saying. "You will bite you fingers and regret the days of Sheikh Osama Bin Laden," he said. Wahishi, also known as Abu Basir, once served as Bin Laden's secretary. He also oversaw the 2009 merger between Yemeni and Saudi Arabian groups loyal to Al-Qaeda. AQAP, mostly active in Saudi Arabia and Yemen, is considered the most threatening Al-Qaeda affiliate.

Homegrown Terror Takes on New Dimensions:

Osama bin Laden may be dead, but al-Qaida is alive and well in Germany. Each month, an average of five Islamists leave the country for terrorist training camps in the Afghanistan-Pakistan border area. Recent arrests in Düsseldorf show just how dangerous home-grown terror has become.

It isn't easy being a militant Islamist, as Abdeladim el-K. and Jamil S. learned on a Tuesday two weeks ago. The two men were sitting in a two-room apartment on Witzelstrasse in the German city of Düsseldorf, complaining to each other about how complicated it is to build a functioning bomb. "Bomb is not so difficult as detonator," said Abdeladim el-K., "because detonator more dangerous than bomb." The al-Qaida handbooks make it all sound so easy. You buy charcoal lighters and extract the hexamine, and already you have a component for a bomb. Apparently the method works everywhere, except possibly in Germany, where charcoal lighters have a different chemical composition than in other countries. In Düsseldorf, investigators would later discover a cooking pot the two men may have wanted to use to boil down the lighters.

The apartment was under surveillance, as were the men's phones and computers. The police had been listening in on the two men's conversations for weeks, except when the sound of the television or the washing machine drowned out what they were saying. On Wednesday, when the men, speaking in broken German, began discussing "making an attack at bus stop" or possibly on a bus, the federal prosecutor's office decided to move in rather than wait until the would-be

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terrorists had built their bomb and were ready to use it. On the morning of Friday, April 29, police arrested Moroccan national Abdeladim el-K., 29, German-Moroccan electrician Jamil S., 31 and German-Iranian student Amid C., 19, who was on the verge of taking his final examinations prior to graduating from high school.

Flight passenger data aided in German terror arrest, says minister:

Germany's interior minister wants to extend anti-terror legislation that allows Berlin to pass on flight passenger data to the US. The minister said three arrests made last week were based largely on such data.

German Interior Minister Hans-Peter Friedrich said Friday that flight passenger data passed on to the United States played a decisive role in the apprehension of three terror suspects last week in the western German cities of Dusseldorf and Bochum.

He told the daily Rheinische Post that "important information from our American counterparts alerted us to the suspicious travel patterns of the individuals in question and led to our successful apprehension." Friedrich added that he wanted to extend the legislation, which was passed following the 9/11 attacks in 2001 and is set to expire at the end of this year, but warned against misuse of the data. "We must make sure that the information we obtain is not gathered in any arbitrary manner, but rather that it is based on the systematic inspection carried out in a legal fashion by the appropriate authorities."

US Spy Drones Spotted Near Western Frontier:

Three US spy drones were spotted near Iran's western borders in recent days, witnesses said on Monday.

Witness accounts said the spy drones were patrolling the area over the border city of Halabja, a Kurdish town in northern Iraq, barely 3 km away from Iran's western frontier, Fars News Agency reported.

No security official in Halabja was willing to comment on the sensitive subject. Iran and Iraq fought a bloody war (1980-88) in which a million were killed on both sides. The reports also said Iran's border guards had not responded to the latest US lawlessness. Earlier this year a senior military official in Tehran confirmed reports that several enemy drones had been shot down over the Persian Gulf.

Police step in at Bin Laden protest outside US embassy:

Police have stepped in to separate Osama Bin Laden supporters and members of the English Defence League outside the US embassy in central London.

Supporters held a "funeral service" for Bin Laden after his killing by US Special Forces in Pakistan on Monday. EDL members chanted "USA, USA" as the Bin Laden group knelt to pray for the dead leader of al-Qaeda. Police intervened after threats of violence from both sides, although no arrests have been reported. At one point an EDL member was reported to have slipped through police lines to reveal an effigy of Bin Laden. Angry protesters taunted each other with chants of "USA, burn in hell" and "Obama, burn in hell". An ambulance was called to the scene after reports that one of the protesters had been attacked. The pro-Bin Laden event in Grosvenor Square was organised by the prominent Islamist militant Anjem Choudary.

Airlines on Bin Laden Alert Help Snuff out Security Scares:

Three U.S. airline security scares yesterday were brought to quick ends by crew members and passengers on high alert after the death of Osama bin Laden, aviation safety specialists said. "What happened suggests that folks within the airline and aviation community may be worried more than usual because of Bin Laden and heightened security," Richard Bloom, director of terrorism, intelligence and security studies at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, said today in an interview.

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Bin Laden, the instigator of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in 2001, was killed May 2 when U.S. Special Forces raided his compound in Pakistan. U.S. officials have warned of possible retaliation by his al-Qaeda organization, which has threatened new attacks "soon."

American Airlines crew members and travellers subdued a man who rushed the cockpit door late yesterday, hours after a man was stopped from opening an exit in flight on a Continental Airlines plane. A Delta Air Lines Inc. (DAL) jet was diverted and searched after a flight attendant raised a "security concern." "The people I know at the Department of Homeland Security take the job very seriously and, in light of the bin Laden raid, they are keeping an eye on things extremely closely and being hyper-vigilant," said John Cox, a former airline pilot and chief executive officer of Washington-based consultant Safety Operating Systems LLC.

TRAINING/RESOURCES

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