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Indiana Alert Network (IAN)

The Indiana Alert Network (IAN) program utilizes web-based application to allow participants to communicate and share information vital to Indiana's infrastructure, including any potential security threats. To join IAN, businesses, law enforcement and government officials must submit an application to the Infrastructure Advisory Panel for approval.

Secretary Tom Ridge recently announced the pilot program in Dallas, Texas. Seattle, Atlanta and Dallas are developing critical infrastructure alert networks. DHS will run the pilot program for 120 days before expanding the networks to a regional level

The program is an information sharing, notification and alert system designed to cross agencies, sectors and disciplines. Indiana is the only pilot program site initiating its network at the statewide level.

The state will launch a website dedicated to IAN (<http://www.ian.secure.in.gov/>) on July 1. The site will offer more information on IAN and applications for participation in the network. In addition, the IAN site will provide Hoosiers a link to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) Tips Program. This program allows individuals to report any suspicious or unusual behavior to the FBI.

DHS provided the state equipment, software and a secure Internet connection for IAN. The Information Oversight Technology Commission and CTASC (<http://www.in.gov/ctasc/>) will maintain the program in Indiana.

Homeland Security Information Network-critical infrastructure

The Homeland Security Information Network initiative has been expanded to include critical infrastructure owners and operators and the private sector in the cities of Dallas, Seattle, Indianapolis and Atlanta. The Homeland Security Information Network - Critical Infrastructure (HSIN-CI) Pilot Program is an unclassified network, which immediately provides the Department's Homeland Security Operations Center with one-stop 24/7 access to a broad spectrum of industries, agencies and critical infrastructure across both the public and private sectors. This conduit for two-way information sharing provides the Department with an expanding base of locally knowledgeable experts and delivers real-time access to needed information.

HSIN-CI is about People and Processes

- * HSIN-CI significantly increases the Department's exchange of unclassified information to critical infrastructure owners and operators and the private sector.
- * HSIN-CI is locally governed and administered by knowledgeable, respected domain experts and decision makers from both the private and public sector with the support of Federal Regional Coordinators.
- * HSIN-CI local governance creates the vetted cross sector audience enabling DHS to broadcast relevant information and alert notification to the correct audience.
- * HSIN-CI provides a tangible tool to engage the community in Homeland Security by supporting locally relevant information sharing with a direct pipeline to and from the Department.

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- * HSIN-CI delivers information sharing and alert notification services to the right people - those that need to know and those that need to act.
- * Locally Vetted Membership.

Secure Information System

- * HSIN-CI requires no additional hardware or software for federal, state, or local users.
- * HSIN-CI uses standard communication devices including wired and wireless telephones, Internet e-mail, facsimiles and text pagers to facilitate information sharing and the delivery of Alerts & Notifications.

Unique Technology Capabilities

- * Alerts and Notifications
- * 10,000 simultaneous outbound voice calls per minute
- * 30,000 inbound simultaneous calls (hot line scenario)
- * 3,000 outbound simultaneous faxes
- * 5,000 outbound simultaneous e-mail messages
- * Immediate Internet website content changes
- * FBI/DHS Information Sharing - The FBI and DHS are sharing information between HSIN-CI and the FBI's TIPs program, a publicly available website for the public to report suspicious activity. Information submitted through the HSIN-CI TIPs link is immediately transmitted to both DHS and FBI headquarters for handling.
- * HSIN-CI coordinates relevant local and regional communities via websites:
- * Dallas www.swern.gov < <http://www.swern.gov/>>
- * Seattle www.nwwarn.gov < <http://www.nwwarn.gov/>>
- * Indiana www.ian.in.gov < <http://www.ian.in.gov/>>

Officials discuss efforts to network crime, terrorism data

The Homeland Security Department is working to connect its nationwide information network to existing law enforcement databases, an official told lawmakers Tuesday. The department is working with the Justice Department to make the systems "fully compatible in the short term and [is] developing a common system for the future." Department officials have yet to connect the network to the Law Enforcement Online (LEO) and the secure intranet of the Regional Information Sharing System (RISS). More than 30,000 law enforcement officers use LEO to disseminate and share criminal, cyber and terrorism intelligence across the secured RISS network.

Full story: <http://www.govexec.com/dailyfed/0704/071304tdpm1.htm>



The **Regional Information Sharing Systems (RISS)** Program is composed of [six regional centers](#) that share intelligence and coordinate efforts against criminal networks that operate in many locations across jurisdictional lines. Typical targets of RISS activities are terrorism, drug trafficking, violent crime, cybercrime, gang activity, and organized criminal activities. Each of the centers, however, selects its own target crimes and the range of services provided to member agencies.

<http://www.iir.com/riiss/>



Law Enforcement on-line (LEO) is an online service that is provided to law enforcement first responders, and criminal justice officials. There are approximately 32,500 members that have been on LEO since 1995 when it first started. Those who have access can access LEO from any Internet connection in the world.

http://www.fbi.gov/hq/cjisd/leo_sorum_intvue.htm

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National Incident Management System (NIMS)

On February 28, 2003, President Bush issued Homeland Security Presidential Directive-5. HSPD-5 directed the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System (NIMS). NIMS provides a consistent nationwide template to enable all government, private-sector, and nongovernmental organizations to work together during domestic incidents. New Internet Course on the National Incident Management System The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) recently announced a new online course that will help first responders understand the concepts and principles underlying the new National Incident Management System (NIMS) and to begin incorporating NIMS into their own planning and policies.

Access the course: <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWEB/IS/is700.asp>

Terror in the Skies, Again?

Note from the E-ditors: You are about to read an account of what happened during a domestic flight that one of our writers, Annie Jacobsen, took from Detroit to Los Angeles. The WWS Editorial Team debated long and hard about how to handle this information and ultimately we decided it was something that should be shared. What does it have to do with finances? Nothing, and everything. Here is Annie's story.

On June 29, 2004, at 12:28 p.m., I flew on Northwest Airlines flight #327 from Detroit to Los Angeles with my husband and our young son. Also on our flight were 14 Middle Eastern men between the ages of approximately 20 and 50 years old. *What I experienced during that flight has caused me to question whether the United States of America can realistically uphold the civil liberties of every individual, even non-citizens, and protect its citizens from terrorist threats.*

Full story: http://www.womenswallstreet.com/WWS/article_landing.aspx?titleid=1&articleid=711
A MUST read !!

Part II: Terror in the Skies, Again?

http://www.womenswallstreet.com/WWS/article_landing.aspx?titleid=1&articleid=716

Threat of planned terrorist actions persist

Acting CIA Director John McLaughlin July 14 revealed that the agency suspects Al-Qaeda is planning another large-scale attack within the U.S. McLaughlin claims the warning is based on "very, very solid" intelligence. The information is being touted as resembling that which was collected prior to the Sept. 11 attacks.

COMMENT:

The latest string of warnings comes at a time when the CIA and FBI are under fire from the commission investigating the attacks. The warnings also coincide with the lead up to the November presidential elections, which include the national conventions of both major parties. The intelligence collected prior to the Sept. 11 attacks will, for the near future, likely serve as the standard by which all subsequent intelligence will be judged. Any similar intelligence will likely spark immediate concern. Most notable at this time is the decision by the Department of Homeland Security to not raise the national threat rating from Yellow (elevated) to Orange (high). In the last year, the department has focused its efforts on disseminating information and directions to mitigate threats directly to specific industry sectors, geographical areas or wherever the threat exists. ***Analysts from think-tanks and government agencies release, almost daily, their findings on the terrorist target du jour. Notably, this information is usually speculation on risks based on vulnerabilities and not actual threats. On a related note, the U.S. media continually uncovers more and more incidents of bomb threats and persons within the U.S. being in possession of caches of weapons, bomb-making materials and biological and chemical agents.***

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Attorney General delivers report detailing real-life examples of how the Patriot Act makes America safer

"Like the smart bombs, laser-guided missiles and predator drones employed by our armed forces to hunt and kill al Qaeda in Afghanistan, the Patriot Act is just as vital to targeting the terrorists who would kill our people and destroy our freedom here at home. This report is an unprecedented compilation of dozens of real life cases from across the country in which the FBI and other law enforcement officials have used the tools of the Patriot Act to protect America's families and communities, and to save lives."

Read the full report: http://www.lifeandliberty.gov/docs/071304_report_from_the_field.pdf

FBI chief to Midlanders: Be alert

As the world gets smaller, threats of terrorism can come from any place, FBI Director Robert Mueller said Thursday in Omaha. "You have to be alert to the possibility that they would try to do . . . things even in Nebraska and Iowa," he said. Additionally, Mueller said, some local residents might be sympathetic to terrorists and willing to assist al-Qaida members with tasks such as obtaining false identification. Despite continued threats, people should feel safe and go about their normal business, Mueller said. It's important that people are vigilant so that terrorists and those who might help them don't infiltrate local communities, he said.

Full story: http://www.omaha.com/index.php?u_np=0&u_pg=1636&u_sid=1149239

C.I.A. sends terror experts to tell small towns of risk

The Central Intelligence Agency has begun a series of terrorism briefings for state and local law enforcement personnel, for the first time dispatching counterterrorism experts to cities and small towns to warn of the possibility of an attack by Al Qaeda this year, government officials said this week. The C.I.A. briefings, which are being coordinated by the F.B.I., are conducted by intelligence analysts from the agency's Directorate of Intelligence. They have visited small cities and towns across the country, the officials said, with more meetings planned. The arrival of a C.I.A. analyst in a small town appears to be a stark contrast from the agency's past approach, some local police chiefs and sheriffs said. Few of them have ever met an intelligence analyst or ever received more than a dry, often uninformative intelligence bulletin containing information already made public by the news media. "I wouldn't say I was shocked that they were there," said George G. Kehl, who for 26 years has been the police chief of Fishers, Ind., a suburb of 55,000 people north of Indianapolis. "But I was surprised. It was a first in my career."

Full story: <http://www.nytimes.com/2004/07/18/politics/18cia.html>

Interviews of Muslims to broaden

FBI hopes to avert a terrorist attack

FBI agents have launched a series of interviews of Muslims and Arab Americans in the Washington area and across the country, hoping to glean information that could prevent a major terrorist attack during this election year. The new round of questioning is also far more targeted than an earlier program of voluntary interviews with men from Arab and Muslim countries, which followed the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks and was criticized for being ineffective and using profiling. "This is not a general population. They are identified by intelligence or investigative information," said an FBI official who spoke on condition of anonymity, in line with department policy. He added that the questioning did not signify that the people were under investigation themselves.

Full story: <http://msnbc.msn.com/id/5454797/>

The Danger of Agro-terror

Does "agricultural terrorism" pose a real threat? The answer is yes, and not only to the United States and the rest of North America, but to the entire planet. Agro-terror, closely associated with other forms of "bio-terror," illustrates just how difficult it is to passively defend against terror assaults. Terror attacks on food

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resources and production obviously threaten farm animals, plants and the food supply chain, but agro-terrorism is also economic terror. Texas Commissioner of Agriculture Susan Combs told me she knows the livestock sector is particularly vulnerable to terrorists spreading a disease like FMD. "An attack like that," Combs said, "is an economic catastrophe."

Full story: <http://www.strategypage.com/onpoint/articles/2004714.asp>

FBI: Al Qaeda may want Non-Arabs



The FBI is warning that the al Qaeda terror network may be recruiting non-Arabs less likely to attract notice as they carry out attacks in the United States and Europe. Al Qaeda especially wants operatives who have American citizenship or legal U.S. residency status, the FBI's counterterrorism division said in its weekly bulletin to 18,000 law enforcement agencies nationwide. "Finding operatives with U.S. status would greatly facilitate al Qaeda's ability to carry out an attack within the United States," said the bulletin, obtained Friday by The Associated Press. The new warning comes amid a continuous stream of intelligence indicating that al Qaeda is determined to strike the United States in the summer or fall.

Full story: <http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2004/07/17/terror/main630347.shtml>

Nearly 400 Al-Qaeda members and other terror suspects In Iran

Hundreds of alleged members of Al-Qaeda, including 18 of its top leaders, and other terror groups are living in Iran, some under tight security, Asharq Al-Awsat newspaper reported Thursday. "More than 384 members of Al-Qaeda and other terrorist organisations are present in Iran, including 18 senior leaders of Osama bin Laden's network," the London-based daily said, citing a senior source in the Iranian presidency. The Saudi-owned newspaper said the terrorist leaders were living under tight protection, some of them in villas in the Namak Abrud region, near the town of Chalous on the Caspian coast, 100 kilometres (60 miles) north of Tehran.

Full story: <http://www.turkishpress.com/turkishpress/news.asp?ID=22309>

Related reporting:

Bush hits Iran for aid to al Qaeda

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/national/20040720-120945-3551r.htm>

Salvadorian gang leader taken into custody



Carlos Ernesto Mojica Lechuga, the leader of Mara 18 – a violent youth gang in El Salvador - was arrested July 14 in the city of Chalchuapa. Lechuga, along with other gang members, was apprehended on an illegal weapons charge. Lechuga has been arrested 10 times previously, most recently acquitted May 25 on the same charge.

COMMENT:



Salvadorian gangs, or "maras", are responsible for a large percentage of violent crime in El Salvador. These gangs have recently been tied to death threats aimed at Salvadoran President Oscar Berger, as well as Honduran President Ricardo Maduro. The gangs often cross national borders, resulting in an accord between El Salvador and Honduras aimed at eradicating them. The most important maras in Central America are the Mara Salvatrucha and the Mara 18. Their origins can be traced back to the civil war in El Salvador during the 1980's, with many members having ties to groups such as La Mara and Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMNL). See the following background report for more information:

Mara Salvatrucha-MS13, a South American import

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http://nagia.org/mara_salvatrucha.htm

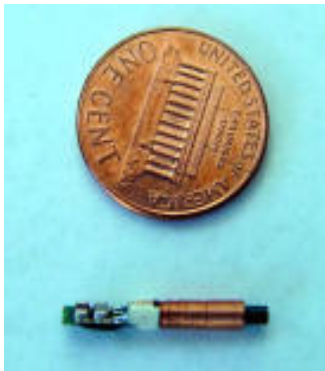
Terrorists don't often fit stereotype, expert says

Most Americans have a false idea of the shadowy, worldwide terrorist network led by al-Qaida, according to a former CIA operative who collected the life histories of almost 400 members of the deadly movement. The stereotype that these terrorists are poor, desperate, single young men from Third World countries, vulnerable to brainwashing, is wrong, Dr. Marc Sageman told an international terrorism conference in Washington this week. Most Arab terrorists he studied were well-educated, married men from middle- or upper-class families, in their mid-20s and psychologically stable, said Sageman, a psychiatrist at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. Many of them knew several languages and traveled widely. But when they settled in foreign countries, they became lonely, homesick and embittered, he said. They felt humiliated by the weakness and backwardness of their homelands. They formed tight cliques with fellow Arabs and drifted into mosques more for companionship than for religion. Radical preachers convinced them it was their duty to drive Americans from Muslim holy lands, killing as many as possible

Full story: <http://www.realcities.com/mld/krwashington/9058821.htm>

(And now, this week's 'comic relief' story.....)

Mexican Government Officials tracked by chip implants



The government has required that top prosecutors be implanted with a chip to enable access to classified material held in the National Information Center of the Attorney General's office. The Attorney General said an electronic chip has been implanted in his arm for use as an identification device. The chip can also be used to locate officials in case of kidnapping.

COMMENT:

The chip is reportedly not removable but can be deactivated. The supposed permanency of the chip may be in question due to the open advertisement of the implants. Nefarious criminal elements intent on kidnapping a government prosecutor would likely go to extreme measures to find and dispose of the chip.

Featured News Story

Dirty bombs are not weapons of mass destruction, but weapons of mass disruption. Their success depends on public and government overreaction. Beware not of radioactivity but of nuclear panic. The main thing we have to fear from a dirty bomb is fear itself.

Full story: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2004/07/18/ING427JIH21.DTL>

Featured Web Site

Guidance for Protective Actions following a Radiological Terrorist event

<http://hps.org/documents/RDDPAGs.pdf>

Interim Guidelines for Hospital Response to Mass Casualties from a Radiological Incident

<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/radiation/pdf/MassCasualtiesGuidelines.pdf>

Guidance for Radiation Accident Management - Guidance for Hospital Medical Management

<http://www.orau.gov/reacts/care.htm>

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