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# Summary on Terrorism, Homeland Security and Crime – October 23, 2013

### NATIONAL SECURITY AND TERRORISM NEWS

U.S. Says AI-Libi Implicated Himself after Arrest - A federal prosecutor



told a judge in Manhattan on Tuesday that Abu Anas al-Libi, the accused al Qaeda operative captured in Libya this month, made an incriminating statement to the authorities after being advised of his Miranda rights. The existence of the statement was revealed during a discussion about discovery materials that the government plans to provide to al-Libi's lawyer, though the prosecutor offered no additional details.

Al-Libi, whose real name is Nazih Abdul-Hamed al-Ruqai, also received a new lawyer on Tuesday: Bernard V. Kleinman, the longtime lawyer for Ramzi Ahmed Yousef, who is serving a life sentence for orchestrating the *1993 World Trade Center bombing*. Kleinman told U.S. District Court Judge Lewis Kaplan that he will need at least six months to prepare a defense. *The judge also indicated he was considering a government request that al-Libi be tried jointly with two other terrorist defendants*, Adel Abdel Bary, and Khalid Al Fawwaz, who were also named in the indictment and who were extradited from Britain last year. (New York Times, CBS News, Bloomberg, NBC News – 10/23)

**Al-Libi** is one of 21 men indicted in the bombings of the American embassies in Kenya and Tanzania, which killed more than 200 people. He is among nine in custody. Eight have been killed, including *Osama bin Laden*; one died awaiting trial, and three are at still large. The indictment accuses al-Libi of helping plan the attacks and of conducting surveillance of the embassy and other diplomatic facilities in Nairobi, Kenya. (<u>Reuters</u> – 10/23)

**Federal Prosecutors Defends Tsarnaev's Jail Restrictions -** Federal prosecutors are defending *special restrictions* placed on **Dzhokhar Tsarnaev** that sharply limit his contact with the outside world. The *Special Administrative Measures* (SAMs), prohibit media interviews, limit social visits to immediate family and place Tsarnaev in what amounts to *solitary confinement*, and also require defense attorneys to ensure that information they get from him is used only for the purposes of defending him against the 30-count indictment he faces in connection with the bombings. Tsarnaev's defense attorneys have asked U.S. District Court Judge George O'Toole to lift the restrictions, but *Federal prosecutors argued in a brief filed Monday that the restrictions are needed because Tsarnaev has the potential to encourage other acts of violence*.

Among those who have already picked up the gauntlet thrown down by **Tsarnaev** were the writers and editors of the July 2013 issue of *Inspire magazine*, a publication of *al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula*, which lauded Tsarnaev and his brother as heroes and martyrs. ... A Boston Globe article about the *Inspire issue* noted the existence of a Facebook group calling Tsarnaev a 'brave freedom fighter.' (Politico, Lawfare Blog - <u>AG SAMs Letter</u> - <u>Defense Motion</u> - 10/23)

**Slain Boston Bomb Suspect Linked to Triple Homicide** - Federal prosecutors said Monday in a new court filing that **Tamerlan Tsarnaev**, the slain Boston Marathon bombing suspect, took part in a 2011 triple homicide in Massachusetts, citing statements made by a *Chechen immigrant* who was himself shot and killed by an FBI agent. According to the filing, **Ibragim Todashev** told investigators **Tamerlan Tsarnaev** participated in a triple slaying in Waltham, Massachusetts, on Sept. 11, 2011. The filing is part of prosecutors' attempt to block **Dzhokhar Tsarnaev** from getting certain information from authorities, including investigative documents associated with the Waltham slayings. (Associated Press, Reuters, New York Times - 10/23)

**Government Changes Policy on Warrantless Wiretap Defendants** - The Obama administration has discovered that it unintentionally misled the Supreme Court last year. It told the justices that it always informs terrorism defendants when evidence against them was acquired with a warrantless wiretap. Now the Justice Department is making sure its policy does match what it told the high court. (NPR News – 10/23)

**Goldberg**: **Haqqani Book States Pakistan Aiding Terrorism -** Jeffrey Goldberg writes that a soon-to-be-released book by *Pakistan's former ambassador to the US*, *Husain Haqqani*, "states plainly that his government sponsors the terrorist groups whose members are often the targets of American drones." In "*Magnificent Delusions*," Haqqani writes, "*My countrymen will someday have to come to terms with global realities. Pakistan cannot become a regional leader in South Asia while it supports terrorism.*" Goldberg notes that U.S. officials have long suspected Pakistani intelligence of providing "*material support to terrorist groups, but Haqqani may be the most prominent Pakistani to publicly agree with them*," and adds that it "*would be useful for the Obama administration to press Sharif hard on his country's support for several terrorist groups.*" (Bloomberg News - 10/23)

**Terrorist Attack Averted as Powerful Bomb Defused in Dagestan, Southern Russia** - A bomb equivalent to 12 kilograms of TNT has been deactivated in the Russian North Caucasus republic of Dagestan, the National Anti-Terrorist Committee says. The successful anti-terror mission in Dagestan was accomplished the day after a female suicide bomber in Volgograd blew up a bus, killing six people with a device consisting of 500-600 grams of TNT.

The bomb was found near a *shopping mall* in the city of Khasavyurt, after local residents reported to police they had seen a suspicious object there. Law enforcement agencies identified the object as a homemade bomb. The bomb was found at 8 am and 2 1/2 hours later it was deactivated using a water cannon. The National Anti-Terrorist Committee has announced it is conducting an investigation into the incident. (<u>RT</u> – 10/22)

**Russia Probes Suicide Blast in Volgograd -** Russian investigators continue to probe the background of a woman they allege blew herself up on a bus in southern Russia on Monday, killing six people and wounding more than 30. Security services are hunting for the husband of 30-year-old Naida Asiyalova, who was a native of the volatile province of Dagestan in Russia's North Caucasus region. Her husband, Dmitry Sokolov, is allegedly allied with Islamic militants and thought to have become an expert in explosives. Investigators also raised the possibility that Moscow, not Volgograd, was the bomber's original target. (Associated Press, Time, NBC News – 10/22)

**Report**: **AI-Qaeda Seeks Qaddafi's Leftover Uranium and Missiles** - An unstable country on the brink of civil war is not all former Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi left behind after his death last year. A vast collection of weapons remains in an abandoned desert warehouse in southern Libya, *The Times* reported on Tuesday. The arsenal reportedly includes *4,000 surface-to-air missiles*, each capable of downing a passenger jet, and thousands of barrels of *uranium yellowcake*. An inventory collected by the **International Atomic Energy Agency** (IAEA) accounted for 6,400 yellowcake barrels.

Bharuddin Midhoun Arifi, a former human trafficker and now commander of 2,000 fighters in the city of Sabha, was one of the main inheritors of the regime's abandoned weapon reserves. "Sometimes I'm afraid that *al-Qaeda* will get me. Other times I fear that the Americans or French or British will fire missiles from the sea to destroy all I control." Arifi told the *Times*.

He claims that **al-Qaeda** had most recently offered 1 million dollars for some of the weapons, an offer which Arifi says he turned down. "I told them...this belonged to my government." Rows of the mortars and rockets stacked in crates, however, suggest some of the weapons have been shipped to Syria, along with hundreds of Libyan's who have joined the rebel forces fighting Syrian President Bashar al-Assad's regime. (Al Arabiya – 10/22)

**Suspect in Kenyan Attack Penned Love Poem to Bin Laden - Samantha Lewthwaite**, a British terror suspect thought to be a key member of *AI Shabaab* and involved in the *Kenya mall massacre* last month, reportedly penned a love poem lauding *Osama bin Laden* and pledging to continue instilling terror into non-Muslims. (The <u>Washington Times</u> - 10/23)

**Nigerian Forces Kill 37 Boko Haram Militants** - Nigerian officials are reporting that their troops have used air and ground strikes to kill 37 Islamist militants belonging to *Boko Haram*. The raids took place on Boko Haram bases in the countries northeast. Since May, Nigerian President Goodluck Jonathan has ramped up operations to eradicate Boko Haram, which is trying to establish an Islamic state. (Reuters - 10/23)

**Marriage Seen as Counter to Terrorism Recruitment -** One way Nigerian officials are trying to counter terrorism is by having mass weddings. The theory is that mass weddings that have wed some 1,350 couples in Kano during the last 18 months will steer young men away from the lure of joining *Boko Haram*. (The <u>Wall Street Journal</u> - 10/23)

**Rogers Says Al Qaeda Forces in Syria Plotting Foreign Attacks -** Rep. Mike Rogers, chair of the House Intelligence Committee, said that *Al Qaeda affiliates* battling the Syrian regime are now debating when to launch attacks outside the country's borders. Rogers said, "*They're talking about conducting external operations, which is exactly what happened in Afghanistan, which led to 9/11.*" (The Washington Times - 10/23)

#### DOMESTIC EXTREMIST THREATS

**Missouri**: **Iraq Veteran Accused of Arson in Fires at Mosque, Abortion Clinic** - Tucked into the deeply evangelical corner of southwestern Missouri, the *Islamic Society of Joplin's mosque* was an oasis for Muslims - the only mosque within a 50-mile radius. But, in August 2012, during **Ramadan**, the building was burned to the ground in an apparent arson fire. It was the second attempt made on the mosque in about a month; activists feared a hate crime, and a team of federal and local investigators couldn't find a suspect. But now, a surprise turn in a different arson case has implicated an Iraq veteran, who officials say confessed over the weekend to burning down the mosque in addition to making attempts on the local *Planned Parenthood office*.

**Jedediah Stout**, 29, attempted to burn the *Planned Parenthood clinic* on Oct. 3 and 4 by tossing a backpack with a flammable liquid onto the roof and lighting a makeshift fuse made of rope. Both attempts failed. Federal investigators traced the purchase of the materials from Wal-Mart to Stout, who was detained shortly after the Oct. 4 attempt and smelled of a flammable liquid, according to the complaint. His fingerprint also was found on the bottle of liquid. (Los Angeles Times – 10/22)

#### HOMELAND RESPONSE

**Motive Remains a Mystery in Nevada School Shooting** - The school shooting in Sparks, Nevada that left two students injured and a teacher dead. That teacher, *Mike Landsberry*, was a Marine veteran and active in Nevada's Air National Guard. The boy reportedly used a .9 millimeter handgun from his home, but the motive remains a mystery. Police say they have no plans to release the shooter's identity out of respect for his grieving family. Authorities are also looking into possible charges against the parents, since the gun used in the shooting was taken from their home. One student who witnessed the attack said the shooter seemed angry, "*but not at anyone in particular*." (NBC Nightly News, ABC World News, CBS Evening News - 10/22) **Fatal Encounters Increasing between Police, People with Severe Mental Illnesses** - A noticeable uptick over the past decade in the number of *fatal confrontations* between police officers and people with severe mental illnesses. A small number of those cases are known as "suicide by cop" in which police officers are intentionally provoked to react with lethal force. In other cases, police officers with poor or no mental health training misread a situation with deadly results. Some police departments are now sending officers to special crisis-intervention training and teaching them how to respond to situations involving people with severe mental illnesses, emphasizing communication and use of non-lethal weapons. (The <u>Wall Street Journal</u> - 10/23; Justifiable Homicides by Law Enforcement Officers: What is the Role of Mental Illness? – September 2013)

Indiana: Coal Train Derails near Bloomington - Several cars of a coal train derailed near Bloomington early Wednesday, authorities said. The derailment was reported about 2 a.m. near East State Road 45, northeast of Bloomington when six of 100 cars left the track, Monroe County Sheriff's Department reported. The impact of the crash knocked down power lines in the area, causing several residents to lose electricity. No injuries were reported. The train was carrying coal from Carlisle, Ind. to Indianapolis. The cause of the derailment is under investigation. (WRTV – 10/23)

**Montana**: **Sheriff's Officials say someone tried to Derail Train** - The Missoula County Sheriff's Office said someone tried to derail a *Montana Rail Link train*, west of Clinton, an act *they say can possibly be a protest to coal imports*. Officials said whatever the reason it was a dangerous act that could have led to disaster and injury. Just a half hour after a westbound train traveled the same tracks, an empty coal train traveling east bound last night, west of Clinton, hit what detectives said was a *six foot long piece of culvert filled with rocks*. Sheriff's officials said no one was hurt, but rocks were kicked up and cracked the windshield of the train, and the bottom of the train dug into the railroad ties, leaving them damaged. (KTMF – 10/21)

**Train Derailment attempt near Clinton not the first** - Authorities say Thursday wasn't the first time that someone tried to knock a train off the tracks near Clinton. *Officials tell us that a concrete tire was placed in the same spot where a pipe was discovered during an attempt to derail a train last week.* The Missoula County Sheriff's office is still investigating why, and who, attempted to derail a Montana Rail Link train near Clinton. (Montana CBS News - 10/21)

**Two Colorado Farmers Plead Guilty to Spreading Foodborne Illness - Eric** and **Ryan Jansen** have pleaded guilty to six misdemeanor counts of introducing adulterated food into interstate commerce in 2011, killing 33 people. The maximum penalty they face is six years in prison with \$1.5 million in fines and sentencing is scheduled for Jan. 28. The brothers have no previous criminal record and their attorneys stated their "guilty pleas do not imply any intentional wrongdoing or knowledge that the cantaloupes were contaminated." (The <u>AP</u> - 10/23)

**Jensens** washed cantaloupes with potato-cleaning devices without using the chlorine spray that kills bacteria. The defendants have now admitted that they failed to protect the public from deadly bacteria on their cantaloupe, in violation of the law and critical FDA requirements. Their actions resulted in tragedy nationwide, and profound economic consequences for an entire industry, and has exposed them to these serious criminal consequences. (Reuters - 10/23)

**Canada**: **Man jailed for Terrorism Hoax at Pickering Nuclear Plant** - **Lloyd Charest**, 23, had several opportunities to admit he'd concocted the tale of a *jihadist plan to attack the plant* but failed to do so, even going so far as to fabricate evidence to support his story, a judge said Monday. "This man had several opportunities to withdraw from his criminal conduct and admit to his actions," Superior Court Justice Bruce Glass said in a written ruling. "*Still, Mr. Charest continued to profess that all was true.*" Charest formerly of Ajax, was sentenced to a year in jail and two years' probation after being found guilty of offences including making a hoax of terrorist activity, fabricating evidence and obstructing police. (Mississauga News - 10/23)

**Intelligence/Investigations Function Guidance** - FEMA released the *NIMS Intelligence / Investigations Function Guidance and Field Operations Guide,* designed to provide guidance on utilizing and integrating the Intelligence / Investigations Function while adhering to the concepts and principles of the *National Incident Management System* (NIMS) doctrine. The document presents information intended for the *Incident Command System practitioner* who will assist in the decision-making process regarding the placement of the Intelligence / Investigations Function within the command structure, and provides tools that may be used while implementing that function.

This guidance aligns with the NIMS to provide a common and standard understanding about the tools and resources needed to sustain, build, and deliver the core capabilities necessary to achieve a secure and resilient nation. Information and intelligence should be interpreted broadly to support user needs across **all-threats** and **all-hazards environments** to *prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from the effects of incidents, regardless of cause, size, location, or complexity.* The activities and information that are at the core of the **I/I Function** have historically been viewed as the primary responsibilities of "*traditional*" law enforcement departments and agencies at all levels of government. Although, in many cases, law enforcement departments/agencies fulfill intelligence/investigations duties, the I/I Function has aspects that cross disciplines and levels of government. (FEMA Related Guides - Annexes and Documents – October 2013)

## NATIONAL, STATE, AND DISTRICT CRIMINAL LAW

**Illinois**: **Peoria Town Hall meeting to deal with Violence in the City** - A representative of the city's most violence-plagued neighborhoods has this message for residents living in fear of the next volley of gunshots: the time for talk and patience is over. "*Enough talk* — *let's do something about it*," 1st District City Councilwoman Denise Moore said Tuesday. "*We can't wait for law enforcement programs to work*. … *While we're waiting, people are dying*." That *central theme of action in the face of an onslaught of gun violence* is the thrust behind a town hall meeting Moore has scheduled **Thursday**. *Her goal is to connect residents with opportunities to become active in ways that can reduce the bloodshed*.

To that end, Moore has invited social service providers, mentoring groups that depend on volunteers and representatives of other agencies and faith groups whose missions fit into the goal. A portion of the meeting also will be dedicated to taking suggestions for new plans of action, with one caveat. People need to be willing to step up and act on their ideas. "There's not going to be the same type of talk that we've heard before. This needs to be about action," Moore said. "We're going to provide solutions and actually give people who are there that night an opportunity to sign up for what they feel they want to be involved with." (The <u>Peoria Journal-Star (IL)</u> - 10/23)

**Illinois Watseka man sent to prison in Meth Case** - Iroquois County Judge Gordon Lustfeldt sentenced **Doug Depatis**, 50, to the eight-year state prison term for participation in meth manufacturing and sentenced him to four years in prison, to be served concurrently, for unlawful use of property. On May 3, officers found **Depatis** and **Josh Huff**, 38, of Watseka, using the chemicals and equipment consistent with the manufacture of methamphetamine, along with assorted drug paraphernalia. Huff pleaded guilty to participation in meth manufacturing for an agreed six months in the county jail and four years of probation. (The <u>Paxton Record (IL)</u> – 10/22)

**CDIL** Man gets 11 years in federal prison for part in Loxa Meth Case – Robert Jeffrey Leonard was the second suspect to be sentenced for his role in a multi-year, *multi-suspect methamphetamine operation* that was based out of a Loxa home. Of the six suspects indicted on federal charges in the case, all but one have pleaded guilty. Leonard was the second suspect sentenced, following that of Tena M. Logan, who was described as the operation's ringleader. She received a 15year prison term at her sentencing in June, when she admitted she had the other suspects obtain methamphetamine ingredients for her to use to make the drug.

The suspects awaiting sentencing include Paul D. "Bear" Logan, Tena Logan's husband. His

sentencing is scheduled for Dec. 23. Scheduled for sentencing next month are **Fred A. Leonard** and **Tammy E. Britt**, both of Mattoon. A hearing is also set for next month for the remaining suspect whose case is pending, **Floyd W. Curtner Jr**., also of Mattoon. *During Tena Logan's sentencing, the case's prosecutor said there were indications that at least 42 people had some role in the operation*. The prosecutor described Logan and the other charged suspects as the "*inner circle*" on whom authorities concentrated their investigation. (Journal Gazette & Times-Courier (IL) - 10/23)

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