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TYPES OF ADVISORIES

Bulletin
Describes current developments or general trends regarding threats of terrorism.

Elevated Alert
Warns of a credible terrorism threat against the United States.

Imminent Alert
Warns of a credible, specific and impending terrorism threat against the United States.

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This monthly newsletter is published to increase NASA personnel awareness of significant current issues related to counterintelligence, counterterrorism, and counterintelligence cyber matters. To learn more about CI/CT awareness, or to schedule a CI/CT presentation, please contact the CI POC located on the last page.

Significant Counterterrorism (CT) Issues:

WHAT IS INSPIRING HOMEGROWN TERROR IN THE U.S.? IT IS NOT JUST ISIS.



Many Western jihadists are not necessarily motivated by a specific group but rather the rhetoric, ideology and activities of the wider global jihadist movement, often referred to as the Salafi-jihadist movement.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2016/12/06/what-is-inspiring-homegrown-terror-in-the-u-s-its-not-just-the-islamic-state/?utm_term=.7ab743375541

THE UNNOTICED TREND THAT WORRIES EUROPE’S CT AGENCIES

According to the International Center for the Study of Radicalization and Political Violence, criminals-turned-terrorist suspects are becoming a more common problem. The research center collected extensive data on 79 recent European militants with criminal pasts. About 80 percent of those involved in recent terrorist plots had criminal convictions.



https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/worldviews/wp/2016/12/20/the-unnoticed-trend-that-worries-europes-counterterrorism-agencies/?utm_term=.c428dd69c102

THREAT OF ISIS TO LAST FOR ‘YEARS TO COME,’ JIHADI EXPERTS WARN



The threat posed by the Islamic State militant group (ISIS) will last for “years to come,” despite projected territorial losses in Iraq and Syria, a grouping of top experts on jihadism warned in December 2016.

<http://www.newsweek.com/threat-isis-last-years-come-experts-warn-531248>

Significant Counterintelligence Issues:

SCIENTIST PLEADS GUILTY TO STEALING SENSITIVE DOCS FOR CHINA

A scientist has pleaded guilty to charges he stole sensitive documents from a Connecticut military contractor and transported them to China. The 38-year-old Chinese citizen and legal permanent U.S. resident worked until 2014 as a senior engineer and scientist for United Technologies Research Center.



<http://www.cbsnews.com/news/chinese-scientist-yu-long-guilty-stealing-united-technologies-military-documents-china/>



PENTAGON: CHINA THREATENED TO BANKRUPT DEFENSE CONTRACTOR



A U.S. defense contractor was threatened with bankruptcy by Chinese hackers seeking jet fighter logistics secrets, according to the Pentagon's Joint Staff.

<http://freebeacon.com/national-security/pentagon-china-threatened-bankrupt-defense-contractor/>

ACCOUNTANTS AND SPIES: THE SECRET HISTORY OF DELOITTE'S ESPIONAGE

It's a story that goes back a decade, and has never before been told publicly. It involves several veteran CIA officers, an undercover mission and a huge haul of extremely valuable intelligence. The saga shows just how intense the competition between major accounting firms is, and just how willing they can be to engage in tactics that don't exactly mesh with their buttoned-down corporate image.



<http://www.cnn.com/2016/12/19/accountants-and-spies-the-secret-history-of-deloitte-espionage-practice.html>

Analyst Notes – Items to Watch:

It is becoming painfully aware that the fight in Iraq and Syria against ISIS does not mean that the Islamic State will cease to exist if they suffer defeat on the battlefield. Recent attacks across the globe show that despite military reversals, ISIS is capable of devastating terrorist events worldwide. ISIS fighters and sympathizers continue to be arrested in Europe and the United States while planning attacks against civilian targets. As the pressure rises on ISIS, Al-Qaeda (AQ) continues to expand its influence and strengthen relationships with terrorist groups such as AQIM, AQAP and Jabhat Fateh Al-Sham in Syria. Russian and Chinese espionage operations in the United States continue unabated, with U.S. technology and R&D being top on their targeting lists. The NASA CI/CT division continues to monitor these threats and any others that have the potential to harm NASA or its equities.

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