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No Active Alerts

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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NASA CI/CT MONTHLY NEWS UPDATE – July 2016

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:

FBI DIRECTOR: ISIS IS TOP THREAT TO US



The Islamic State (ISIS/ISIL) remains the top threat America is facing, FBI Director James Comey said recently. Comey said the threat stems from the terror group’s success in recruiting fighters both overseas and in America.

<https://www.clarionproject.org/news/fbi-director-isis-top-threat-us>

CIA DIRECTOR: US HASN’T BEEN ABLE TO CURB ISLAMIC STATE’S REACH

The U.S. battle against the Islamic State has not yet curbed the group's global reach. As pressure mounts on the extremists in Iraq and Syria, they are expected to plot more attacks on the West and incite violence by lone wolves, CIA Director John Brennan told Congress during recent testimony.



<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/nationworld/ct-cia-director-islamic-state-20160616-story.html>

ISIS SHOWS IT WON’T BE DISLODGED QUICKLY OR EASILY



Even as internationally backed forces chip away at ISIS-held territory in Syria, Iraq and Libya, the militants have demonstrated a stubborn resilience this month in the face of recent losses.

<http://www.cbsnews.com/news/isis-offense-syria-iraq-libya-bombs-raqqa-fallujah-sirte/>

Significant Counterintelligence Issues:

ENGINEER FACES ESPIONAGE CHARGES AFTER ALLEGEDLY STEALING CODE

An engineer is facing economic espionage charges after allegedly attempting to sell proprietary source code stolen from his former employer. Authorities said Xu Jiaqiang, 30, sold the stolen code, which originated from an American company, to undercover agents with the intent of benefiting a Chinese government agency. <http://www.scmagazine.com/feds-charge-engineer-with-economic-espionage-for-stealing-source-code/article/503381/>





DECADES AFTER COLD WAR'S END, U.S.-RUSSIA ESPIONAGE EVOLVES



High on a hill, in a leafy, residential neighborhood between Georgetown and the National Cathedral, the Russian Embassy sits behind tall gates. It was here, in the 1980s, that the FBI and the National Security Agency built a tunnel — a secret tunnel that started beneath one of the pleasant-looking houses lining Wisconsin Avenue and extended over to the neighboring embassy.

<http://www.npr.org/sections/parallels/2016/06/15/481440402/decades-after-cold-wars-end-u-s-russia-espionage-rivalry-evolves>

CHINESE ESPIONAGE AND INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES AT ALL-TIME HIGH

Chinese intelligence operations worldwide to steal important information both through human agents and cyber-attacks are a growing threat, according to experts who testified at a US congressional commission. Beijing's spies, operating through the civilian Ministry of State Security and People's Liberation Army Intelligence Bureau (IB), have scored impressive gains against the United States in particular, where economic espionage — the theft of trade secrets and high technology — remains at unprecedented levels.



<http://atimes.com/2016/06/chinese-espionage-and-intelligence-activities-at-all-time-high-experts-say/>

Analyst Notes – Items to Watch:

The ISIS attacks in Turkey and Orlando have shown the worldwide reach that ISIS continues to possess. ISIS is exploiting its ability to inspire sympathizers and followers to attack the West instead of relying on conventional battlefield victories. ISIS continues to attract radical Islamic followers worldwide, with the number of groups pledging allegiance now over 45. Espionage challenges for the United States have not ceased, they have just evolved. Russia and China continue to focus their espionage and collection efforts towards the U.S. and Western technology. 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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