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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:

HOMEGROWN EXTREMISTS TOP TERROR THREAT LIST SAYS DNI



Homegrown extremists probably will “continue to pose the most significant Sunni terrorist threat to the U.S. Homeland in 2016,” Director of National Intelligence (DNI) James Clapper said in a summary for Congress.

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2016-02-08/homegrown-extremists-top-list-of-terrorist-threats-clapper-says>

U.S. OFFICIALS BELIEVE ISIS WILL ATTACK AMERICA THIS YEAR

Lt. Gen. Stewart, Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA), told the Senate Armed Services Committee that ISIS "will probably attempt to conduct additional attacks in Europe, and attempt to direct attacks on the US homeland in 2016."



http://www.witn.com/home/headlines/-US-officials-think-ISIS-will-attack-America-this-year--368712021.html?utm_source=360Works%20CloudMail&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=NewsWatch

Significant Counterintelligence Issues:

EXPERTS CITE ESPIONAGE PATTERNS IN ENGINEER’S ACTS



An Iranian-American engineer, naturalized in 1985, gets a job with the Navy and holds a secret clearance. He also allegedly maintained a sophisticated web of identities to shuffle money from foreign bank accounts, hold addresses in at least four states and lie about his Iranian passport for at least 30 years.

<http://www.navytimes.com/story/military/2016/02/26/navsea-engineer-security-clearance-possible-espionage-james-baker-majid-karimi/80992946/>

DID CHINA’S MILITARY DRONE ESPIONAGE PAY OFF IN THE END?

China’s industrial espionage appears to have paid off in the drone market. The really interesting developments will come when the Chinese begin to export drones based on what the United States believes to be proprietary American technology.



http://thediplomat.com/2016/02/did-chinas-military-drone-technology-espionage-pay-off-in-the-end/?utm_source=360Works%20CloudMail&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=NewsWatch



Significant Cyber Issues:

TOP US SPY CHIEF: CHINA STILL SUCCESSFUL IN CYBER ESPIONAGE



The DNI Mr. James Clapper, delivered his 2016 annual threat briefing to the Senate Armed Forces Committee, noting that China remains engaged in malicious activities in cyberspace against the United States, despite a U.S.-Chinese bilateral agreement to refrain from conducting or knowingly supporting commercial cyber-espionage.

<http://thediplomat.com/2016/02/top-us-spy-chief-china-still-successful-in-cyber-espionage-against-us/>

RUSSIA TO SPEND \$250M STRENGTHENING CYBER-OFFENSIVE CAPABILITIES

Russia plans to significantly strengthen its cyber-offensive capabilities, and intends to create a cyber-deterrent that will equate to the role played by nuclear weapons.



http://www.scmagazine.com/russia-to-spend-250m-strengthening-cyber-offensive-capabilities/article/471196/?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=New%20Campaign&utm_term=%2ASituation%20Report

Analyst Notes – Items to Watch:

The 2016 DNI and DIA worldwide threat assessments dominated the February 2016 news cycle. The DNI and DIA strongly believe that ISIS will attempt some sort of domestic U.S. attack in 2016. The ISIS threat has expanded from the Middle East to a worldwide challenge from multiple ISIS affiliated groups. ISIS has shifted extensive numbers of fighters to Libya and now threatens portions of Africa into the Sahel region. Al-Qaeda has grown in Yemen and Syria (through Jabhat Al-Nusra) and is again threatening action against the U.S. Homeland. ISIS terrorism plotting and recruiting in 2016 continues in the U.S. and Europe. Iran, China and Russia continue their conventional espionage efforts and cyber-attacks against the United States and the West. The economic espionage threat against the United States is at an all-time high and continues to cost the U.S. billions in lost revenue and intellectual property loss. 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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