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SUBJECT: URGENT - OCTOBER 2014 SECURITY AWARENESS MESSAGE BASED ON RECENT EXTREMIST ATTACKS TARGETING CANADIAN MILITARY//

1. (U//FOUO) THIS MESSAGE PROVIDES AN OVERVIEW OF RECENT EXTREMIST ATTACKS IN CANADA WHICH COULD POSE A POTENTIAL THREAT TO US ARMY INTERESTS. IT EMPHASIZES REQUIREMENTS NECESSARY TO PREVENT AND RESPOND TO SUCH ATTACKS.
2. (U//FOUO) THERE IS NO CORROBORATIVE INTELLIGENCE REPORTING REGARDING DEFINITIVE PLOTS TO CONDUCT ATTACKS AGAINST THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES (CONUS) OR OUTSIDE THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES (OCONUS). HOWEVER, TERRORIST GROUPS AND HOMEGROWN VIOLENT EXTREMISTS (HVES) REMAIN INTERESTED IN CONDUCTING ATTACKS AGAINST US INTERESTS, TO INCLUDE THE US MILITARY, AND MAY ATTEMPT TO CARRY OUT ATTACKS WITH LITTLE OR NO WARNING TO CAPITALIZE ON RECENT EXTREMIST INCIDENTS IN CANADA.
3. (U//FOUO) ON 20 OCTOBER 2014, CANADIAN CITIZEN MARTIN COUTURE ROULEAU KILLED ONE CANADIAN SOLDIER AND INJURED ANOTHER NEAR MONTREAL WHEN HE DROVE HIS VEHICLE INTO THE TWO CANADIAN SOLDIERS AS THEY WALKED THROUGH A SHOPPING CENTER PARKING LOT. IT IS UNKNOWN IF ROULEAU TARGETED THE TWO VICTIMS DUE TO THEIR MILITARY AFFILIATION. ONE OF THE VICTIMS WAS IN MILITARY UNIFORM AND IN PROXIMITY TO A CANADIAN MILITARY (GOVERNMENT) STANDALONE BUILDING. INITIAL WITNESS STATEMENTS INDICATE ROULEAU WAITED APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR IN A NEARBY PARKING LOT BEFORE HITTING THE SOLDIERS.
4. (U//FOUO) ON 22 OCTOBER 2014, CANADIAN CITIZEN MICHAEL ZEHAF-BIBEAU KILLED ONE CANADIAN SOLDIER AND INJURED TWO OTHER INDIVIDUALS WHEN HE CONDUCTED AN ARMED ASSAULT OF THE CANADIAN NATIONAL WAR MEMORIAL AND PARLIAMENT BUILDING IN OTTAWA. BIBEAU WAS SUBSEQUENTLY KILLED BY THE PARLIAMENT SERGEANT-AT-ARMS. CANADIAN AUTHORITIES CONTINUE TO INVESTIGATE POSSIBLE LINKS TO EXTREMISTS/TERRORISTS.
5. (U//FOUO) AT PRESENT, THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT THESE TWO EVENTS ARE RELATED. HOWEVER, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT BIBEAU MAY HAVE BEEN INSPIRED BY ROULEAU AND THE CONTINUED EXTREMIST RHETORIC BEING DISSEMINATED OVER THE INTERNET AND SOCIAL MEDIA BY TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS AND THEIR SUPPORTERS. REPORTING INDICATES THE PERPETRATORS WERE RECENT CONVERTS TO ISLAM AND ASPIRED TO TRAVEL OVERSEAS TO WAGE JIHAD. WHILE BOTH INDIVIDUALS WERE LIKELY FRUSTRATED BY CANADIAN AUTHORITIES ATTEMPTS TO THWART THEIR OVERSEAS JIHADIST ASPIRATIONS, IT IS UNCLEAR WHETHER THIS COULD HAVE TRIGGERED THEIR ATTACKS. LIKE MINDED EXTREMISTS MAY FEED OFF THE RECENT INCIDENTS IN CANADA AND TRIGGER THEIR VIOLENT JIHADIST ASPIRATIONS.
6. (U//FOUO) THE ATTACK AT THE CANADIAN WAR MEMORIAL REPRESENTS POSSIBLE TERRORIST INTENTIONS AND HIGHLIGHTS VULNERABILITIES OF A "SOFT" TARGET. THE FACT THAT THE ATTACK SPECIFICALLY TARGETED UNIFORM SOLDIERS INDICATES THAT MILITARY TARGETS MAY BE PREFERRED AND HIGHLIGHTS THE NEED FOR INCREASED VIGILANCE PARTICULARLY AT ARMY STAND-ALONE FACILITIES (SAF). COMMANDS WITH STAND-ALONE FACILITIES SUCH AS MILITARY ENTRANCE PROCESSING STATIONS (MEPS), RESERVE CENTERS, ARMY GUARD ARMORIES, ROTC BUILDINGS, AND RECRUITING STATIONS AMONG OTHERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO REVIEW SECURITY PROCEDURES TO INCLUDE COORDINATION WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

7. (U//FOUO) IN ADDITION COMMANDERS SHOULD REVIEW PROCEDURES ASSOCIATED WITH PROTECTING THEIR COMMANDS AGAINST AN ATTACK SIMILAR TO THE ONE EXECUTED IN CANADA ON 22 OCT 14. THERE ARE TWO FACETS TO THOSE PROCEDURES; PREVENTION AND RESPONSE. THE FIRST PRIORITY IS TO PREVENT AN ATTACK. THIS REQUIRES PROCEDURES THAT IDENTIFY PROSPECTIVE ATTACKERS BEFORE THEY CAN EXECUTE AND A SUFFICIENTLY PERCEIVED PROTECTIVE POSTURE TO DETER WOULD BE ASSAILANTS. THE SECOND IS RESPONDING TO AN ATTACK. SOME MEASURES THAT COMMANDERS SHOULD CONSIDER INCLUDE:
- CONTINUE EXECUTION OF RANDOM ANTITERRORISM MEASURES.
  - REVIEW UNIFORM POLICIES, ESPECIALLY WHILE OFF-POST AND DURING TRAVEL.
  - ENCOURAGE ALL MEMBERS TO VARY THEIR ROUTINES TO DISRUPT THE TERRORIST PLANNING CYCLE AND DETER VIOLENT ACTS.
  - HIGHLIGHT THE NEED TO PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO VEHICLES PARKED NEAR MILITARY FACILITIES; ACKNOWLEDGE ALL VISITORS; HAVE VISUAL AWARENESS FOR ALL HAND CARRIED ITEMS AND USE THE BUDDY SYSTEM, ESPECIALLY AT SMALL STAND-ALONE FACILITIES.
  - REVIEW SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY REPORTING SYSTEMS SUCH AS IWATCH AND ENSURE COMMAND MEMBERS UNDERSTAND REPORTING PROCEDURES.
  - ENCOURAGE ALL MEMBERS TO THINK BEFORE USING SOCIAL MEDIA; AVOID POSTING HOME OR WORK ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS; AVOID ANY GOVERNMENT OR MILITARY AFFILIATION; NEVER ALLOW APPLICATIONS TO GEOLOCATE POSITIONS.
  - TEST EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEMS.
  - EXERCISE AN EFFECTIVE INFORMATION SHARING SYSTEM THAT LINKS WITH LOCAL, STATE, FEDERAL, AND HOST NATION AUTHORITIES AND OTHER MILITARY FACILITIES OR INSTALLATIONS IN THE VICINITY.
  - EXERCISE AND VALIDATE INCIDENT RESPONSE PLANS.
  - CLOSE LINKS WITH FAMILY READINESS GROUPS FOR INFORMATION SHARING AND NOTIFICATION.
8. (U//FOUO) COMMANDERS WITH STAND ALONE FACILITIES SHOULD REVIEW AND IMPLEMENT AS APPROPRIATE GUIDANCE FOUND IN THE STANDALONE FACILITIES HANDBOOK IS LOCATED ON THE ARMY'S ANTITERRORISM ENTERPRISE PORTAL (ATEP) AT [HTTPS://ARMY.DEPS.MIL/ARMY/SITES/APP/OPMG/OPS/ANTITERRORISM/ATEP/DEFAULT.ASPX](https://army.deps.mil/army/sites/app/opmg/ops/antiterrorism/atep/default.aspx)
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