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## MEDIA REPORTING SUMMARY

### Weekly Summary 7 – 11 November 2011

This media reporting summary (MRS) covers incidents and threats as reported in electronic and print media. The correctness of the reporting contained in this document has not been verified. Many incidents and threats have not been reported in the media, and this report should not be cited as a complete list of incidents and threats.

#### KEY POINTS: 7 November 2011

- **France:** Al-Shabaab has called for an all-out war against France after the recent publication of a cartoon that mocked the Prophet Mohammad.
- **Colombia:** Alfonso Cano, the top leader of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, has been killed by Colombian troops during an anti-guerrilla operation.
- **Nigeria:** Bomb and firearm attacks on 4 November which targeted police stations and churches in the north-eastern Nigerian city of Damaturu have killed over 60 people and injured at least 100. The US Embassy has warned Boko Haram may be planning attacks against hotels in Abuja.

#### KEY POINTS: 8 November 2011

- **Nigeria:** Nigeria is on high alert after the US warned of fresh attacks that may target hotels and other places in Abuja during the Muslim holiday of Eid al-Adha.
- **Pakistan/Afghanistan:** A meeting of provincial leadership council of Jamaat-e-Islami (JI) Balochistan has called for immediate action to sever the NATO supply line from Pakistan to Afghanistan.
- **Spain:** Spanish judges have sentenced former ETA military commander Javier Garcia Gaztelu, alias 'Txapote', to 105 years in jail.

#### KEY POINTS: 9 November 2011

- **Persons/groups of security interest:** Five Occupy Sydney protesters have been arrested after squatting in and barricading an unused office building in the Sydney's CBD.
- **Europe and Russia:** There is growing fear of attacks on passenger jets with Libyan surface-to-air missiles, based on a warning from the German Federal Office of Criminal Investigation that hundreds of Russian SA-7 missiles has disappeared from Libya.
- **Cyber security:** The websites of Israel's military, Mossad and Shin Bet intelligence services are back online after what officials say was a server crash, the international hackers' group Anonymous apparently threatened to take action after Israel blocked two boats of pro-Palestinian activists.

#### KEY POINTS: 10 November 2011

- **Australian Security:** A man was arrested on 9 November for possessing a pipe bomb in Sydney. He allegedly told police he intended to detonate it in a 'body of water'.

#### KEY POINTS: 11 November 2011

- **Nigeria:** The US embassy in Nigeria withdrew the 6 November bomb threat warning on three luxury hotels in Abuja.

## SECURITY THREATS TO AUSTRALIAN INTERESTS

Nil.

### AUSTRALIAN SECURITY

#### Persons/groups of security interest

**OCCUPY SYDNEY** • Five Occupy Sydney protesters have been arrested after squatting in and barricading an unused office building in the Sydney's CBD. At about 9.30pm police forced their way in with grinders due to a number of doors having been barricaded. About 40 protesters, who had formed up outside the building, were moved-on by police with one man arrested for failing to comply with a police direction.

*(Australian Associated Press, 8 November)*

**NEW SOUTH WALES** • A man was arrested on 9 November with a pipe-bomb in his pocket whilst standing at Lidcombe train station in Sydney. He allegedly told police he 'had a very bad day and intended to take it into the city and detonate it in a body of water'. The man became agitated upon seeing a police drugs detection dog where upon a police search revealed the 15cm home-made device. The man's home in Chester Hill was subsequently raided where a firearm, ammunition, a spear gun and a quantity of likely drugs were seized. The pipe-bomb has been detonated safely by police.

*(Australian Associated Press, 10 November)*

#### Border Security/Immigration

**AUSTRALIA** • A boat carrying 54 suspected asylum seekers has been intercepted by the Navy north of Christmas Island. Passengers will be transferred to Christmas Island for security, health and identity checks.

*(AAP, 8 November)*

## INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AND TERRORISM

### Southeast Asia

#### THE PHILIPPINES

- Three bombs were defused in three areas in North Cotabato, few hours after two improvised explosive devices (IEDs) exploded near a university in Kabakan. The bombs were recovered near a bakeshop, besides a municipal building and near a public market. There were no injuries during the incident in Kabakan.

*(Sun Star, 9 November)*

### Subcontinent and Central Asia

#### INDIA

- Kolkata's South City Mall was evacuated immediately after its morning opening following a bomb threat by an anonymous caller. The Bomb Detection and Disposal Squad operation was ongoing.

*(Deccan Chronicle, 6 November)*

#### SRI LANKA

- Interpol issued international 'arrest on sight' warrants on 2 November for the arrest of 13 suspects of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) international network. The suspects have been accused of terrorist activities and human trafficking.

*(Colombo Divaina, 3 November)*

#### PAKISTAN/AFGHANISTAN

- A meeting of provincial leadership council of Jamaat-e-Islami (JI) Balochistan has called for immediate action to sever the NATO supply line from Pakistan to Afghanistan. The resolution adopted

at the meeting claimed, ‘despite genocide of Afghans, drone attacks on Pakistani soil, and the US conspiracies and intervention, helping the enemies in killing friends by allowing the uninterrupted NATO supply line is the worst atrocity, manifestation of the US slavery, a conspiracy to defame and humiliate Pakistan, and the worst cruelty toward people by the rulers’. The meeting resolved that only cutting off the NATO supply line and capturing drones will end drone attacks.

*(Quetta Intikhab, 7 November)*

## Middle East

### LIBYA

- The Organisation for Prohibition of Chemical Weapons has sent a team of inspectors to Libya and planned to send more after two undeclared stockpiles were found in the country.

*(Beijing Xinhua, 4 November)*

### IRAQ

- Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki expelled half a dozen members of the US’ NSA before President Barack Obama's announcement, on 21 October, of the US military withdrawal from Iraq by 21 December.

*(Le Figaro, 8 November)*

### EGYPT/ISRAEL/JORDAN

- Unidentified assailants placed explosive charges in two separate places on the line that transports natural gas near the north Sinai town of el-Arish, causing blasts and fires. The explosions forced a shutdown and halted exports to Jordan and Israel. It was the seventh attack on the pipeline since the Egyptian uprising.

*(AP, 10 November)*

## Europe and Russia

### FRANCE

- A French satirical weekly, *Charlie Hebdo*, whose office was fire-bombed after it printed a cartoon of the Prophet Mohammad, reproduced the image with other caricatures in a special supplement distributed with *Liberation* on 3 November. The weekly defended ‘the freedom to poke fun’ in the four-page supplement, which was wrapped around copies of the left-wing daily

*(reuters.com, 4 November)*

- Al-Shabaab has called for an all-out war against France after the recent publication of a cartoon that mocked the Prophet Mohammad. Shaykh Abdiqader Mumin, an al-Shabaab officer, has described this action as intolerable and urged all Somalis to fight France.

*(shacabka.net, 4 November)*

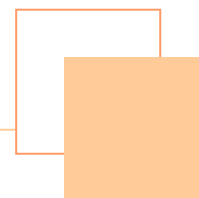
### UNITED KINGDOM

- Theresa May, the Home Secretary, admitted that the number of people who entered the country without being checked against a Home Office database of terror suspects and illegal immigrants will never be known. Mrs May said she had launched three inquiries in to what happened at the force as she told MPs that senior staff had extended a pilot scheme she had authorised in April designed to focus checks on high-risk passengers entering the UK.

*(The Telegraph, 7 November)*

- Muslims Against Crusades (MAC), the main offshoot of the banned but still active Salafist group Islam4UK, published a statement on its website on 10 November condemning its banning, mandated by Home Secretary Theresa May. MAC announced that it was therefore officially dissolved and that a demonstration planned by the group to take place on 11 November was also cancelled.

*(Open Source Centre, 10 November)*



## GERMANY/LIBYA

- According to findings by the Federal Office of Criminal Investigation (BKA), there is growing fear of attacks on passenger jets with Libyan surface-to-air missiles. Based on *BILD.de's* information, a secret warning from the BKA is circulating among German security authorities that hundreds of Russian SA-7 missiles have disappeared from Libya and have been brought to Egypt, among other places. The concern for the security authorities is that North African al-Qa'ida terrorists are buying up missiles on the black market and smuggling them by land and sea to Europe, the United States, and Asia.

(*BILD.de*, 8 November)

## The Americas

### COLOMBIA

- Alfonso Cano, the top leader of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, has been killed by Colombian troops during an anti-guerrilla operation. 'The military has thus achieved one of its most important goals,' Alberto Gonzalez Mosquera, governor of Cauca department said. He added that Cano had died in the western part of his department located in the southwest of the country.

(*Agence France-Presse*, 4 November)

- On 7 November, one person was killed and 13 others were injured when a bomb exploded inside a business in Puerto Berrio, north-western Colombia.

(*EFE*, 8 November)

## Africa (sub-Saharan)

### KENYA

- Two people were killed in a grenade attack in the eastern town of Garissa. A second explosive device was found nearby but did not detonate.

(*AFP*, 6 November)

- Al-Shabaab militants attacked a Kenyan airfield on 2 November, inflicting heavy casualties on the Kenyan forces. The attack comes after Shaykh Mukhtar Robow Abu Mansur called for the Kenyan mujahidin to join the fight against Kenya.

(*Shacabka.net*, 6 November)

- Kenyan military officers arrested 20 people for allegedly plotting an attack in Garissa town. Those arrested were mostly Somali nationals who were in the country illegally.

(*East African Standard*, 8 November)

### NIGERIA

- Bomb and firearm attacks on 4 November which targeted police stations and churches in the northeastern Nigerian city of Damaturu have killed over 60 people and injured at least 100. Boko Haram claimed responsibility for the attack.

(*AFP*, 5 November)

- The US embassy in Nigeria withdrew a bomb threat warning on three luxury hotels in the capital Abuja, saying improved security around the hotels and on major highways had reduced the risk. The embassy warned its citizens on 6 November to avoid the NICON Luxury, the Sheraton Hotel, and the Transcorp Hilton Hotel, which it said could be targeted during this week's Eid al-Adha Muslim holiday, after Islamist militants killed at least 65 people in coordinated gun and bomb attacks in the northern city of Damaturu on 4 November.

(*Reuters*, 10 November)



### SOMALIA

- An al-Shabaab leader has asked the Somali public to forgive al-Shabaab for any inconvenience that they had caused them and if the public did not agree with that, then they should meet in order for them to reach reconciliation. He added that what is needed first is to assist al-Shabaab in their fight against the foreign forces and has called for the Kenyan students who were trained in Somalia by Salah Ali Nabhan and Fadil al Qanawi, both al-Shabaab leaders killed in Somalia, to avenge for their teachers and fight the Kenyan forces.

*(Dalktv.net, 7 November)*

### LIBERIA

- Liberian riot police shot dead up to four protesters during a rally in Monrovia, opposition leaders said on the eve of a run-off vote they fear will be rigged in favour of President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf. Shooting erupted as tensions soared between anti-riot police and UN peace keepers and thousands of protesters gathering for an unauthorised march in support of a call to boycott the polls by presidential candidate Winston Tubman.

*(Agence France-Presse, 7 November)*

## Security policy/announcements/perspectives on the security environment

### INDIA

- Three years after its inception, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) is to expand by opening three new offices in Lucknow, Kochi and Mumbai and increasing the organisation's strength from the existing 400 to nearly 900. The NIA was set up in the aftermath of 2008 Mumbai terror attacks.

*(Deccan Chronicle, 6 November)*

### UNITED STATES

- US Attorney General Eric Holder says FBI counterterrorism training that paints US Muslims as likely extremist sympathisers is 'flat-out wrong' and dangerous. Muslim-Americans have been 'essential partners in the fight against terrorism' notably as 'reliable sources of information' that led to successes in US counter-terrorism efforts, he said. FBI training portrays Islam as 'a highly violent religion', said 'mainstream American Muslims are likely to be terrorist sympathisers' and called traditional Muslim attire, growing facial hair and frequent mosque or prayer group attendance danger signs.

*(AFP, 9 November)*

## Security/terrorism-related trials and investigations

### PAKISTAN

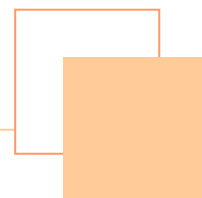
- A Pakistani anti-terror court has indicted two police officers, Saud Aziz and Khrurram Shahzad, and five alleged Taliban militants over the 2007 assassination of former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto. Police said three other suspects have been killed and two remain at large.

*(AFP, 5 November)*

### CARLOS THE JACKAL

- Venezuelan militant, Ilich Ramirez Sanchez (aka Carlos the Jackal), currently on trial in France, has boasted in an interview with El Nacional of committing more than 100 attacks that claimed up to 2000 lives. Sanchez is serving a life sentence in France for the murder of two French policemen and an informant in 1975 and is on trial for 1982 and 1983 attacks conducted to free two comrades who were arrested in Paris while planning to attack the Kuwaiti Embassy.

*(abc.net)*



### SPAIN

- Spanish judges have sentenced former ETA military commander Javier Garcia Gaztelu, alias 'Txapote', to 105 years in jail for the murder of a Socialist politician and his bodyguard. Txapote, was found guilty of a car bombing that killed Basque regional MP Fernando Buesa and his bodyguard Jorge Diez, in the northern town of Victoria on 22 February 2000.

(Source: AFP, 7 Nov)

### INDONESIA

- Abu Bakar Ba'asyir, convicted of funding terrorism, has lodged an appeal for acquittal. Ba'asyir had his sentence reduced in October from 15 to 9 years in prison after the Jakarta High Court ruled he had been involved in a less serious offence, and because of his advanced age.

(AFP, 8 November)

### UNITED STATES/YEMEN

- Abd al-Rahim al-Nashiri is to be arraigned before a military judge at Guantanamo Bay for allegedly planning the deadly attack on the USS Cole in 2000. The bombing of the destroyer in Yemen killed 17 sailors and injured more than three dozen. Al-Nashiri faces charges that include murder in violation of the law of war and could get the death penalty if convicted. Al-Nashiri, a Saudi national, has been in US custody for nearly 10 years.

(Associated Press, 9 November)

### UNITED STATES

- A US soldier planned to detonate bombs in a restaurant filled with Fort Hood troops and then shoot those who survived, federal authorities said in a new six-count indictment returned against him. Naser Jason Abdo was indicted on one count of trying to use a weapon of mass destruction, which carries a maximum sentence of life in prison. The other charges returned by the federal grand jury were attempted murder of officers or employees of the US, two counts of possession of a firearm in furtherance of a federal crime of violence, and two counts of possession of a destructive device in furtherance of a federal crime of violence.

(AP, 9 November)

- Four elderly American men pleaded not guilty to charges that they were members of a far-right militia which US prosecutors allege had plans to attack government targets. The men were arrested by FBI agents on 1 November. A FBI informant infiltrated meetings that the suspects – described in the affidavit as 'members of a fringe group of a known militia organisation' – had held starting in March to discuss the attacks. One group member, Frederick Thomas mentioned a novel 'in which an anti-government group killed a large number of federal Department of Justice attorneys, and stated, 'Now of course, that's just fiction! But that's a damn good idea,' the informant said. Thomas also spoke of the need to acquire more weapons, ammunition, food, and survival gear, and suggested buying silencers for handguns.

(Agence France-Presse, 10 November)

### **Proliferation and weapons of mass destruction**

#### IRAN

- Citing unnamed Western diplomats and nuclear experts familiar with new intelligence to be released to the UN, *The Washington Post* says a former Soviet weapons scientist had allegedly tutored Iranians on building high-precision detonators of the kind used to trigger a nuclear chain reaction. Crucial technology linked to experts in Pakistan and North Korea also helped propel Iran to the threshold of nuclear capability. An intelligence update will be circulated among International Atomic Energy Agency members on 8 or 9 November. It is expected to focus on Iran's alleged efforts towards putting radioactive material in a warhead and developing missiles.

(*The Australian*, 7 November)

## Espionage and other security matters

### UNITED STATES

- The US army says it has formally charged soldier, Specialist William C. Millay, with attempted espionage, accusing him of providing national defence information to a person he thought was a foreign intelligence agent. Millay was also charged with five other criminal violations related to the espionage investigation by Army Counterintelligence agents, the Air Force Office of Special Investigations and the FBI. Among them: lying to investigators and asking another service member for classified information and physical objects that he could provide the agent.

*(McClatchy-Tribune Information Services, 8 November)*

## Cyber security

### UNITED STATES/CHINA/RUSSIA

- The Chinese are the world's 'most active and persistent perpetrators' of economic espionage, a US intelligence agency said in a report on foreign cyber spying, submitted to the US Congress. The report also said Russia's intelligence services were snooping on US companies for economic information and technology. The report, 'Foreign spies stealing us economic secrets in cyberspace', was compiled by the office of the National Counterintelligence Executive, part of the office of the Director of National Intelligence.

*(news.com.au, 4 November)*

### FRANCE/TURKEY

- A Turkish hacking group claimed responsibility for a cyber attack on the website of *Charlie Hebdo*, whose office was fire bombed on 2 November after it printed a cartoon of the Prophet Mohammad. 'Akincilar' stated it carried out hacking action in response to the publication's 'attack [on] our religious values' but declared it was not responsible for the firebombing and did not condone violence.

*(Paris Nouvelobs.com, 3 November)*

### ANONYMOUS

- The websites of Israel's military, Mossad and Shin Bet intelligence services are back online after what officials say was a server crash. The three sites, along with numerous other government websites, crashed, two days after the international hackers' group Anonymous apparently threatened to take action after Israel blocked two boats of pro-Palestinian activists from reaching the blockaded Gaza Strip. All three sites now appear to be working normally.

*(AFP, 7 November)*

### UNITED STATES

- US authorities have charged seven people with spreading software to hijack millions of computers worldwide. Six of them are Estonians, who have been arrested, while the seventh, a Russian, is still at large. They are alleged to have spread software across four million computers in 100 countries that redirected users towards online adverts. The defendants were allegedly paid about US\$14 million by advertisers for the clicks the advertising pages received. Approximately 130 of the infected computers were at the space agency NASA, which first discovered the malicious software.

*(BBC, 10 November)*

