

NASA CI/CT MONTHLY NEWS UPDATE – October 2016

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<u>Significant Counterterrorism (CT) Issues:</u> BRITAIN'S MI6 SPY CHIEF SAYS ISLAMIST TERRORIST THREAT IS PERMANENT



The Islamist terrorist threat to the West will endure for years to come, because simply taking back territory from Islamic State will not solve the deep fractures which have fostered militants.

http://mobile.reuters.com/article/idUSKCN11R28L

EXPERTS WARN OF EXPANSION OF RADICAL ISLAMIC TERRORISM

Three experts on Islamic terror told the House Armed Services Committee recently even 15 years after the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks "our enemies are in for the long haul" in the Middle East and around the globe.



https://news.usni.org/2016/09/21/trio-experts-warn-house-panel-expansion-radical-islamic-

<u>terrorism?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Mil%20EBB%209.22.16&utm_term=Editor</u> ial%20-%20Military%20-%20Early%20Bird%20Brief

FBI DATA SHOWS 7,700 TERRORIST ENCOUNTERS IN ONE YEAR



Leaked documents with sensitive FBI data reveal that 7,712 terrorist encounters occurred within the United States in one year and that many of those encounters occurred near the U.S.-Mexico border. The incidents are characterized as "Known or Suspected Terrorist Encounters."

http://www.breitbart.com/texas/2016/09/26/leaked-fbi-data-reveal-7700-terrorist-encounters-usa-one-yearborder-states-targeted/

<u>Significant Counterintelligence Issues:</u> PUTIN HAS FINALLY REINCARNATED THE KGB

Russian President Putin is planning a major overhaul of the country's security services. The idea is to merge the Foreign Intelligence Service, or SVR, with the Federal Security Service, or FSB, which keeps an eye on domestic affairs. This new supersized secret service will be given a new name: the *Ministry of State Security* – The term last used by Josef Stalin.



http://foreignpolicy.com/2016/09/21/putin-has-finally-reincarnated-the-kgb-mgb-fsb-russia/



RUSSIA REASSERTS ITSELF, U.S. INTEL AGENCIES REFOCUS ON THE KREMLIN



U.S. intelligence agencies are expanding spying operations against Russia on a greater scale than at any time since the end of the Cold War, U.S. officials said. The mobilization involves clandestine CIA operatives, National Security Agency cyber-espionage capabilities, satellite systems and other intelligence assets.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/as-russia-reasserts-itself-us-intelligence-agenciesfocus-anew-on-the-kremlin/2016/09/14/cc212c62-78f0-11e6-ac8e-cf8e0dd91dc7_story.html

U.S. TARGETS ATTEMPTS TO EVADE NORTH KOREAN SANCTIONS

U.S. officials took action against a Chinese company and four of its employees accused of helping to facilitate North Korea's nuclear program. The U.S. Justice Department charged employees of the Dandong Hongxiang Industrial Development Co. Ltd., or DHID, with using dozens of fake businesses and bank accounts to evade sanctions on North Korean nuclear weapons programs.



http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2016/09/26/us-targets-attempts-evade-north-koreasanctions/91114966/

Analyst Notes – Items to Watch:

As Western military pressure increases and ISIS controlled territory shrinks, it has become evident that ISIS is preparing to bring the fight to the West via terrorism. ISIS planned for this contingency and will continue terrorist attacks across the globe via self-radicalized followers and ISIS sympathizers. The ISIS "message" of hate and "armed resistance" continues to resonate and gather recruits. Al-Qaeda (AQ) continues to "lay low" and has strengthened its relationship with a number of very capable regional terrorist groups. The Russian intelligence services have been strengthened by both money and personnel and are now seen as a real threat towards the U.S. and the West; especially in light of the planned consolidation of Russian security services. 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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