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## **WEEKLY MEDIA REPORT**

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### **Powhatan, Virginia Minister Decries Effort of KKK in County**

A prominent minister in Powhatan County has issued a statement against the distribution of Ku Klux Klan (KKK) literature in his community. The minister complained that there is prejudice within Powhatan and that there is no justice for African-Americans there. The minister demanded that the Board of Supervisors speak out against verdict in the slaying of Tahliek Taliaferro. A weekend march protesting the verdict drew about 300 people. Sheriff Greg Neal confirmed Tuesday that KKK literature has been distributed in parts of the county.

Source: [Richmond Times Dispatch](#)

### **FBI Joins Investigation of Environmental Terrorism in Connecticut**

A manifesto claiming to be sent by Earth First!, a radical environmental group, was mailed Friday to the Vice-President of Plainfield Renewable Energy. The document was copied to The Norwich Bulletin and the state Department of Environmental Protection. The manifesto stated that residences of Plainfield Renewable Energy principals were doused with a combination of mercury and solvents. The letter also said five other areas were contaminated.

Source: [Norwich Bulletin](#)

### **White Supremacists to Honor Hitler's Birthday**

Numerous gatherings all over the country are being planned by white supremacists and neo-Nazis to commemorate Adolf Hitler's birthday on April 20<sup>th</sup>. According to Anti-Defamation League (ADL) officials, hate groups use Hitler's birthday celebrations to organize, unify, spread their hate-filled message, and recruit new members. In the past, some hate groups have encouraged their loyalists to distribute racist leaflets in the run-up to Hitler's birthday. According to the ADL, Hitler birthday celebrations are scheduled to take place in Florida, Missouri, North Carolina, and at another undisclosed location.

Source: [Anti-Defamation League](#)

### **Somali Terror Group Raps in English for Foreign Recruits**

The Somali militant Islamic group al-Shabaab has released a propaganda video featuring English speaking Jihadists. The thirty-one minute video is designed to encourage Muslims to join the jihad in Somalia. An English speaker implored "brothers" overseas to come to Somalia to "live the life of a mujahed". The video also featured one of the English speakers translating passages

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from the Koran into English for a circle of fighters. The video is interspersed with rapping and singing.

Source: [Leader-Post](#)

### **(OS) New York Jewish Community a Potential Target in Israel-Iran Conflict**

With increasing tensions between Israel and Iran, there are concerns that Muslim extremist groups might retaliate against civilians in New York City's Jewish community if Israel were to attack Iran's nuclear facilities. This increase in tensions has prompted the NYPD to put together a response plan that includes deploying extra officers, including heavily armed "Hercules Teams," to synagogues, Jewish community centers, and Israeli diplomatic offices. The Jewish holiday of Passover started Thursday and may have prompted an increase in security. At this point there have been no specific threats reported against the Jewish interests in New York City. However, the NYPD believes target surveillance might have already occurred in New York as part of Iran's long term strategic planning.

Source: [Haaretz](#)

### **Al-Qa'ida and Taliban Allegedly Have Chemical Weapon Formula**

According to a North West Frontier Province (NWFP) Police Chief, al-Qa'ida and the Taliban have developed some expertise in making bio-chemical weapons and that the organizations may have merged. The NWFP is located in Pakistan and the chief's testimony was delivered to a Pakistani audience. Indian intelligence assessments see anti-India groups like Lashkar-e-Tayyiba (LET) being very much a part of this new conglomerate if they have in fact merged.

[Times of India](#)

### **Attack Highlights New Terrorist Emphasis on Small-Arms Tactics**

The March 30, 2009 small-arms attack by unidentified gunmen against a police training school in Lahore, Pakistan illustrates the relative ease and effectiveness with which small numbers of terrorists can conduct attacks against soft targets. An estimated 25 attackers killed 20 and wounded more than 100 in an eight-hour standoff that ended with four attackers killed and three captured. Unconfirmed reports indicate that the attackers wore police uniforms and used machine guns and grenades. Following the initial assault, the terrorists barricaded themselves in the police school and took an undetermined number of hostages. DHS/I&A and the FBI have no information indicating that terrorists are planning similar attacks in the United States, but the relative ease with which such assaults can be mounted on soft targets warrants vigilance for any signs of attack planning as well as development of means for countering them. Terrorist groups who lack access to resources may be the most likely to follow this low-cost, high-impact attack model in pursuing their aims.

Source: DHS/FBI Intelligence and Analysis Note, March 31, 2009

### **DHS Asks Congress to Reconsider Cargo Mandate**

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has asked Congress to reconsider a 2007 mandate that required DHS to ensure all U.S.-bound containers are scanned abroad by 2012. DHS claimed that meeting the deadline was not feasible, mainly because technology does not exist to do such comprehensive scanning and because obtaining political agreements with other countries is problematic. An official with the Customs and Border Protection (CBP) stated the threat from a weapon of mass destruction smuggled via shipping container is "minimal" and the department has "more significant vulnerabilities" to address.

Source: [Hsdailywire.com](#)