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Homegrown U.S. Terror Called More Likely

As the new administration of President Barack Obama takes the helm, some experts say that national security threats to the United States are shifting from international to domestic. Global international terror organizations like al-Qa'ida are shifting their operations to focus on building terror cells within many western nations. Analysts say the most likely attack scenario within the United States would be a similar operation to the 2005 London subway bombings in the United Kingdom. These attacks were conducted by resident individuals who became radicalized by internet jihadist websites dominated by extremist clerics. A successful suicide attack against a similar target in the U.S. would create a new wave of fear, and most experts agree Americans would not be prepared for the new security arrangements this could bring.

Source: [UPI](#)

Ku Klux Klan Leaves Fliers in VA Neighborhood

Leesburg, VA residents reported finding fliers in their driveways inviting them to join the Ku Klux Klan. The fliers outline what the Klan calls a fight for "White Christian" rights. The fliers also rail against what it calls "minorities trampling your rights," offers subscriptions to more Ku Klux Klan newsletters, and even advertises a "White Christian Scholarship Fund." The newsletter is addressed to "residents of the Commonwealth," and the group behind it seems to be the United Northern and Southern Knights of the KKK (UNSKKKK). The Loudoun County Sheriff's Office issued a statement indicating the leaflets were not illegal unless they were shown to target specific individuals and were placed in mailboxes. The statement went on to say this sort of activity occurs every few years in the County.

Source: [ABC News Channel 8](#), [FOXDC](#)

Virginia Detention Facilities on List for Guantanamo Detainee Relocation

The House Armed Services Committee listed the following Virginia locations as potential detention relocation points for terror suspects currently held at Guantanamo Bay: Marine Corps Base (MCB) Quantico and Navy Brig (NAVBRIG) Norfolk. In a response to this report, 7th district Congressman and Minority House Whip Eric Cantor commented he was concerned about the proximity of both locations to ports, schools, and residential neighborhoods, and he would oppose any consideration of Guantanamo prisoners being sent to those facilities.

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Source: [CBS 6 WTVR](#)

National Gangs Take Root in Area

Bloods, Crips, and Gangster Disciples, among other national street gangs, have established a presence in Central Virginia. The recent conviction of a Petersburg gang leader affiliated with the Bloods has drawn attention to the increasing prevalence of gangs in the Richmond region. The area has a defined Blood presence, with a “smattering” of Crips and Gangster Disciples, according to the city prosecutor’s office. Most of the gang related crime appears to be focused on narcotics offenses, although some street robberies are noted. National gangs appear to be setting up “franchises” in the Central VA region, and make contact with potential recruits at social gatherings or target teens with trouble at home. The Virginia Attorney General’s office initiative to confront gang crime has been credited with bringing the issue into the open, and the general assembly has furthered this by passing packages of anti-gang statutes since 2003.

Source: [Richmond Times Dispatch](#)