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## **WEEKLY MEDIA REPORT**

### **January 8, 2009**

#### **Somalis in U.S. Draw FBI Attention**

The FBI is expanding contacts with Somali immigrant communities in the U.S., especially in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area, fearing that terrorists are recruiting young men for suicide missions in Somalia. According to an FBI spokesman, the effort is being described as a community outreach as several members of the Somali community have become concerned over the disappearances of young Somali men. In recent months, approximately 20 men in their late teens and early 20s have gone missing and are thought to have joined Islamist rebels in Somalia.

Source: [Washington Times](#)

#### **DHS Considers Searches of Terrorism Blogs**

The Internet may be soon utilized by DHS to find blogs and message boards that terrorists are infiltrating as a means to plan attacks in the U.S. The effort comes as researchers are seeing terrorists increasingly use the Internet to plan bombings, recruit members, and spread propaganda. The DHS reports blogging and message boards have played a substantial role in allowing communication among those who would do the U.S. harm. DHS officials are also looking for companies to search the Internet for postings in near- to real-time, which precede an attack, particularly a bombing as terrorists can easily get materials and make an improvised-explosive device (IED).

Source: [USA Today](#)

#### **Denver Airport Center Adopts National Incident Management System**

In an effort to make tourism and business travel as safe as possible, hotels at Denver Airport Center will be the first in the nation to provide hotel safety using crisis response measures developed by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Denver Airport Center, which is located next to Denver International Airport, will train airport hotel staff in all aspects of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and the Incident Command System (ICS). Both systems are part of the National Response Framework established earlier this year by DHS and are proven effective in dealing with a broad range of emergencies associated with high occupancy buildings and large events. Special emphasis will be given to communications interoperability with professional responders in the community such as law enforcement, fire, emergency medical, and mental health agencies.

Source: [Press Release Newswire](#)

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### **Double Homicide Linked to Gangs**

**Police believe two teenagers shot to death in southeast Newport News on Tuesday night were slain in a gang fight. Police and medics were called to reports of two victims on a sidewalk by the grounds of a Middle School just after 7 p.m. where they found a 16-year-old and 15-year-old both suffering from gunshot wounds to their upper bodies. Both victims later died. A spokesman said the two were thought to be gang members and indicated they were not firing at each other during the fight but appear to have been exchanging gunfire with three black males.**

**Source: [Daily Press](#)**