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WEEKLY MEDIA REPORT

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Al Gore Urges Civil Disobedience toward Coal Plants

Former Vice President Al Gore called on young Americans to take action against the construction of coal plants that do not store carbon, stating that civil disobedience was needed to prevent further destruction of the planet. Gore made the statements at the annual Clinton Global Initiative.

Source: [Fox News](#)

Fairfax Homeowner Finds HAMAS Recordings

Landscapers working in a yard in Falls Church, Virginia uncovered nearly three dozen videotapes that were found to contain footage of HAMAS propaganda. The homeowner turned the tapes over to officials after discovering the house had been under surveillance before he purchased it. The previous owner was a member of the Muslim Brotherhood's Palestine Committee in America and a co-conspirator of five former officials of the Holy Land Foundation for Relief and Development who are currently on trial. The videotapes have been admitted as evidence in the trial.

Source: [The Investigative Project on Terrorism \(IPT\) - HAMAS Videos](#)

Jihadis Publish Online Recruiting Manual

An al-Qa'ida-affiliated jihadi internet forum posted a new manual entitled "The Art of Recruitment," offering tutorials in techniques for approaching and recruiting suitable people to join the global Salafi-Jihadi movement. The 51-page manual contains a three-step process for training in which the recruiter is required to cover every phase before moving to the next step. The document encourages the recruitment of the non-religious, the newly committed religious youth or those who consider other ideologies defunct and are more willing to adopt Salafi-Jihadi principles.

Source: [Jamestown](#)

Terrorism Code Language

The ring leader of the September 13 terrorist attacks in India developed a unique code language to plan and execute the attack. The code revolved around library terms. After surveying a site to plant an explosive, an operative would report "I have seen the library." If the site appeared busy and ideal for inflicting a large amount of casualties, the code was "I have read books in the library; they are good." Bombs were also referred to as "books."

Source: [Express India](#)

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Exercise in Security at 150 Railroad Stations

Amtrak and the Transportation Security Administration deployed officers from about 100 local police departments to 150 train stations in 13 states and the District of Columbia during the morning on September 23 in a drill to familiarize law enforcement personnel with the rail system and to practice working together. Officials said the drill, held along the Northeast corridor from Virginia to Vermont, was not in response to any threat, but was meant to demonstrate how authorities could respond to legitimate threats or attacks.

Source: [New York Times](#)

New Process Eliminates Fertilizer's Blast Threat

A new method for combining ammonium nitrate fertilizer with ammonium sulfate will make the fertilizer useless as an explosive. Ammonium nitrate when soaked in diesel fuel produces a powerful bomb commonly used by terrorists. When chemically tied to the ammonium sulfate, its chemical structure is changed so that it is no longer explosive. The Department of Homeland Security has certified the new fertilizer, called ammonium sulfate nitrate, under a federal program devised to encourage such innovations.

Source: [N.Y. Times](#)

Nuclear Waste Masses at Hospitals

Until recently, used radioactive material from around the country was sent to a landfill in rural South Carolina. A new South Carolina law ended almost all radioactive material disposals at the landfill and has created a concern among labs, universities, hospitals, and manufacturers across the country. Medical facilities have resorted to storing the waste on-site. State and federal authorities say the waste is being monitored, but they acknowledge it is difficult to track and is inspected as little as once every five years. Thousands of these small radioactive items have already been lost. Officials are concerned that the radioactive material could be stolen by terrorists and converted into dirty bombs.

Source: [The Associated Press](#)

Gang Awareness in Loudoun County

The Loudoun County Sheriff's Office conducted an hour-long presentation on gangs during a community meeting last week. The presentation touched on specific graffiti, colors and tattoos of gangs found in Loudoun County: MS-13, the 18th Street Gang, Bloods, and Crips. Loudoun law enforcement officials are tracking approximately 40 validated gang members.

Source: [Washington Post](#)

School Bus Reported Stolen in Delaware

Delaware State Police is asking for the public's help in locating a yellow school bus stolen from a New Castle, Delaware-area lot. Bus Number 67 was discovered missing about 0400 hours on September 30. The bus number is displayed on the rear door and two front corners of the bus. The sides of the bus are plain with no school or company name displayed. The registration reads Delaware CL67029. Police are asking anyone

with information about the missing bus or knows its whereabouts to call detectives at (302) 834-2620, ext. 6.

Source: [DelawareOnline](#)