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A Need To Be Concerned?

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“We – with God’s help – call on every Muslim who believes in God and wishes to be rewarded, to comply with God’s order to kill the Americans and plunder their money wherever and whenever they find it. We also call on the Muslim community, leaders, and soldiers, to launch the raid on Satan’s U.S. Troops and the devil’s supporters allying with them, and to displace those who are behind them so that they may learn a lesson” (Declaration of War issued by Osama bin Laden, in Afghanistan, February 23, 1998).

Do some grow faint from the thought of humans stalking other humans and then, like depraved animals, detonate a dirty bomb in the midst of a well-traveled airport, killing and maiming thousands – all in the name of religion? Does it make them shudder to think that their children, attending a matinee show on a Saturday afternoon, could become victims to an exploding backpack left under a seat by an angry soul who disagrees with the American way of life? Would holiday shopping at a mall make you feel any safer? What if it is an assault on a church during mass?

How about a middle school being held hostage with your loved ones inside, while some turbid monstrosity taunts them with death and destruction. If you remembered not too long ago, this transpired in Breslan, Russia. If that is not enough, is it feasible to imagine that a group of men could walk into a hospital armed with high-powered armaments and bombs, and essentially bring down the facility with hundreds of infirmed patients, not to mention doctors, nurses, and visitors?

Or do readers become baffled when hearing about employees of organizations and corporations walking into their offices, armed with military style weapons and explosives, resulting in many dead, maimed, and wounded? Are emotions numbed when reading about cruise ships being hi-jacked and passengers robbed and killed, all because of an ideology? Would a train or delivery truck carrying deadly chemicals or fuels in your neighborhood make you cringe, knowing that the driver could have evil machinations? Do others shake their heads in utter disbelief at those who would sever the heads of the innocent, because they were working for an American company in a foreign land? What if citizens were to find out that there have been many attempts to destroy their main

bridges during rush hour, or that attempts have been made to annihilate cities by destroying oil facilities in their ports, simply because of a hatred for capitalism?

What has been stated here is real; it is not a figment of anyone’s imagination. These events have already manifested themselves against America and American interests abroad, and if they have not, there are growing societal fears that they will.

There is a calculated plan by terrorists, to attack America where it is most vulnerable -

the economy. In the Terrorists' minds, violating America's economy would signal a loss of world power, and a prelude to defeat. James Vernon wrote, "Their motivation is to go after the symbols of power because, to their audience, it shows power to those who lack power; in America, that means corporate America". Corporate leaders are now challenged to face this phenomenon by becoming more strategic, and tactical, if they hope to survive this unconventional and asymmetrical form of warfare on their assets, interests, stakeholders, customers, and employees. This can only be accomplished by being prepared through constant training.