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CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

Reporting Matters

Despite the significant effort and resources devoted to preventing, stopping, and investigating cybercrime, the prompt reporting of suspicious activity and incidents is still one of the most critical countermeasures. If you are a target of cybercrime, it cannot be rectified unless your security team and authorities are aware of it. <https://staysafeonline.org/resources/reporting-cybercrime/>

Additional Resources:

- Reporting to CISA: <https://www.cisa.gov/report>
- Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3): www.ic3.gov
- Report Phishing Sites; CISA <https://us-cert.cisa.gov/report-phishing>
- Anti-Phishing Working Group: <https://apwg.org/>
- Report Fraud: www.ftc.gov/complaint
- Report Identity Theft: <http://www.identitytheft.gov/>

TERRORISM

Treasury Designates al-Shabaab Financial Facilitators

U.S. Department of the Treasury, 10/17/2022

Today, the U.S. Department of the Treasury designated a network of al-Shabaab financial facilitators who hold leadership roles within al-Shabaab and act as key interlocutors between the group and local companies in Somalia. This network has engaged in weapons procurement, financial facilitation, and recruitment activities for al-Shabaab. In addition to being leaders within al-Shabaab, these facilitators have had direct contact with other previously designated al-Shabaab officials. These individuals are being designated pursuant to Executive Order (E.O.) 13224, as amended, which targets terrorist groups and their supporters. Concurrent with Treasury's designations, the U.S. Department of State designated five al-Shabaab leaders pursuant to E.O. 13224, as amended, for their leadership roles within al-Shabaab. <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/jy1028>

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ANALYST COMMENTARY: The U.S. Department of the Treasury recently designated several individuals linked to al-Shabaab under Executive Order (E.O.) 13224. These individuals “hold leadership roles within al-Shabaab and act as key interlocutors between the group and local companies in Somalia.” In line with the recent designations from Treasury, the State Department also designated five al-Shabaab leaders under E.O. 13224, which is used to designate individuals and/or groups as Specially Designated Global Terrorists (SDGT). To receive this designation, the Secretary of State must determine the group “committed, or [poses] a significant risk of committing, acts of terrorism that threaten the security of U.S. nationals or the national security, foreign policy, or economy of the United States”. The Secretary of the Treasury may designate individuals or entities as an SDGT under E.O. 13224, if they are owned or controlled by, or act for or on behalf of an individual or entity listed in the Annex to the Order or by or for persons determined to be subject to the Order; assist in, sponsor, or provide financial, material, or technological support for, or financial or other services to or in support of, acts of terrorism or individuals or entities designated in or under the Order; or to be otherwise associated with certain individuals or entities designated in or under the Order.

Former San Diego Resident Sentenced to 20 Years for Funding [ISG] Terrorist Activities in Syria

U.S. Department of Justice, 10/17/2022

A Canadian national and former resident of San Diego, California, was sentenced in federal court today to 20 years in prison, followed by 36 months of supervised release, for conspiring with others to provide material support to terrorists engaged in violent activities such as murder, kidnapping and maiming of persons in Syria. According to court documents, Abdullahi Ahmed Abdullahi, 37, of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada provided both money and personnel to support the violent jihadist activities of the Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS), a foreign terrorist organization. From November 2013 through March 2014, Abdullahi encouraged, aided and financially assisted six North American nationals in traveling to Syria, where they joined ISIS and engaged in armed battles to gain control of the territories and civilian populations within Syria. These six individuals included his three cousins from Edmonton, Canada, an 18-year-old cousin from Minneapolis, as well as San Diego resident Douglas McAuthor McCain.

<https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/former-san-diego-resident-sentenced-20-years-funding-isis-terrorist-activities-syria>

ANALYST COMMENTARY: Abdullahi Ahmed Abdullahi, 37, was sentenced to twenty years in prison for terrorism-related crimes this week, the Justice Department (DOJ) confirmed. The DOJ states that Abdullahi was sentenced for “conspiring with others to provide material support to terrorists engaged in violent activities such as murder, kidnapping and maiming of persons in Syria.” Abdullahi, a Canadian national and former resident of San Diego supported the Islamic State Group (ISG)

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financially and in person from November 2013-March 2014. During this time, he also aided others in traveling to Syria to assist the ISG. To provide material support to the ISG, Abdullahi admitted that he robbed a jewelry store in Edmonton, Alberta, in 2014. According to DOJ, "Abdullahi wired monies to San Diego, totaling approximately \$3,100, for the purpose of financing the travel of Douglas and the 18-year-old Minneapolis cousin's travel to Syria to join and fight for [ISG]."

SECURITY & SAFETY AWARENESS

1 Hurt After Pickup Collides with NJ Transit Train at Crossing

NJ.com, 10/17/2022

[Bergen County, New Jersey] One person was hurt Saturday night when a pickup truck collided with a NJ Transit train in Bergen County, authorities said. The collision of the pickup and Pascack Valley Line train No. 2133 was reported about 11:45 p.m. at the Central Avenue crossing in Hackensack, according to city and transit officials. "The preliminary investigation indicated the train was passing through the crossing when the (pickup) made contact with the side of the train," the transit agency said in an email. Firefighters cut the roof off the pickup and extricated a person inside. The victim, identified as the pickup driver, was taken to Hackensack University Medical Center with injuries that were not life-threatening, NJ Transit said. <https://www.nj.com/bergen/2022/10/1-hurt-after-nj-transit-train-collides-with-pickup-at-crossing.html>

BPD: Woman Fatally Shot in MTA Bus Lot in South Baltimore

WBAL, 10/17/2022

[Baltimore, Maryland] A woman was fatally shot Tuesday afternoon on a Maryland Transit Administration bus lot in south Baltimore, city police said. City police said officers responded to the 1500 block of Washington Boulevard just after 5 p.m. for reports of a shooting. They arrived and found a 40-year-old woman suffering from gunshot wounds. The victim was taken to Shock Trauma where she died, police said. MTA officials said Baltimore police will lead the investigation. Anyone with information about the shooting is asked to call police at 410-396-2100 or call Metro Crime Stoppers at 1-866-7LOCKUP. <https://www.wbaltv.com/article/woman-fatally-shot-in-mta-bus-lot/41697278#>

2 Students Injured in Shooting Near Portland High School

NBC News, 10/19/2022

[Portland, Oregon] Two students were injured in a shooting Tuesday afternoon near a high school in Portland, Oregon, officials said. Shots were fired near Jefferson High School in north Portland around 4

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p.m. after school was dismissed, Portland Public Schools officials said. The two students are expected to survive, District spokeswoman Marifer Sager told The Oregonian/OregonLive. Police received a report that one of the injured students suffered a wound to the leg and entered the gym shortly after the shooting, the Portland Police Bureau said. As of 7:25 p.m., police said they were still trying to locate another student who had suffered a graze wound. Police said officers received reports that two teens wearing face masks fled after the shooting in a car that crashed nearby. The teens then ran away, according to police. Jefferson High sophomore Mesert Melda told the newspaper she was in the gym when other students ran in screaming that there had been a drive-by shooting.

<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/2-students-injured-shooting-portland-high-school-rcna52910>

State Officials Recognize National School Bus Safety Week

WV Public Broadcasting, 10/18/2022

[West Virginia] This week is National School Bus Safety Week and the West Virginia Governor's Highway Safety Program is reminding drivers and pedestrians about the state's school bus laws. The program is specifically focusing on the illegal passing of school buses while the stop-arm is extended, signaling that children are entering or exiting. Drivers should come to a complete stop until the arm is retracted and the bus begins to move. The area where children are entering or leaving buses is called the "danger zone," which can be 10 feet in front of the bus, 10 feet outside either side of the bus or anywhere behind the school bus. Aimee Cantrell of the Highway Safety Program said it's part of the program's goal to reduce the number of incidents on West Virginia roadways. "Not to be cliché, but school buses are transporting one of our most precious natural resources, right, our kids," Cantrell said. "That's why, as motorists, it's our responsibility to just kind of keep an extra eye out, extra caution."

<https://www.wvpublic.org/government/2022-10-18/state-officials-recognize-national-school-bus-safety-week>

Nakia Creek Fire Likely Sparked by 'Pyrotechnic,' Investigators Say

The Oregonian, 10/18/2022

[Washington] As temperatures fall and humidity rises, fire crews are making "steady progress" on the Nakia Creek fire, which investigators now believe was sparked by people in the area. Clark County fire marshals investigating the now nearly 1,800-acre fire believe it is "most probably" a human-caused situation, Fire Marshal Dan Young said Tuesday. Investigators have asked for the public's help in identifying a light-colored Subaru and group of people found near where the fire began on a ridge on Larch Mountain Oct. 9. Fire marshals believe some kind of pyrotechnic was involved, such as fireworks or incendiary rounds from a rifle, Young said. Cell phone video showing the vehicle in the woods captures a loud bang, then pans left to a cloud of smoke. Young said the Fire Marshal's Office has

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received several calls already. <https://www.oregonlive.com/news/2022/10/nakia-creek-fire-now-close-to-1800-acres-may-have-been-man-made-investigators-say.html>

ANALYST COMMENTARY: Officials investigating the Nakia Creek fire near Portland, Oregon, believe it was likely human caused. The Clark County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) has released footage of two men and two women near a light-colored Subaru "possibly shooting pyrotechnic devices" on Larch Mountain in Yacolt Burn State Forest, where the fire began. Clark County officials are seeking information regarding the vehicle and its owner and are working through tips from the public. The Nakia Creek fire started earlier this month and has burned 1,796 acres. As of this morning, the fire is only 12% contained. The fire quickly spread over the weekend, causing mass evacuations. Local news outlets have reported that the smoke from the fire has become so dense that the Grove Field Airport is now closed through Thursday. CCSO has reported several road closures near the fire. The Fire Marshall's office said crews are progressing and fighting the flames from the north, west, and south sides. Structure protection crews were called in. Weather reporting has indicated cooler weather and a lack of wind in the region over the next few days, which will aid in containing the fire. However, CRESA urged the public not to rely on a possible change in weather, stating: "Fire fighting activities are dependent on the weather. Please be patient, but be prepared."

Emergency Stabilization Work to Start This Week on OCTA-Owned San Clemente Tracks

Mass Transit Magazine, 10/18/2022

[Orange County, California] Work is tentatively scheduled to begin this week to stabilize the railroad track through San Clemente in Orange County, Calif., after the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) finalized a contract with Condon-Johnson & Associates Inc., a geotechnical contractor in Los Angeles. Emergency repairs occurred in September 2021 to the track adjacent to the Cyprus Shore Homeowners Association in southern San Clemente following heavy rain and storm surge that caused movement along the track. OCTA explains while that emergency work stabilized the track for several months, geologists and engineers monitoring the area determined after additional storm surge in September 2022 that the adjacent slope was moving again and the track was moving .01 inches to .04 inches per day. Metrolink and Amtrak halted all passenger trains from using the track on Sept. 30 out of an abundance of caution until more stabilization efforts could take place.

<https://www.masstransitmag.com/rail/maintenance/article/21284232/emergency-stabilization-work-to-start-this-week-on-octaowned-san-clemente-tracks>

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No Injuries Reported After Train Partially Derails in Eugene

KEZI, 10/18/2022

[Eugene, Oregon] Officials are working to fix a train that partially derailed in Eugene earlier on Tuesday. The partial derailment reportedly happened after 2 p.m. on Tuesday, October 18 in the area of Railroad Boulevard near Chambers Street in Eugene. At least four cars left the tracks for an unknown reason, possibly due to a buildup of rocks and dirt near the tracks. No one was reported to have been injured in the derailment. Several derailed train cars are leaning precariously as railroad workers labor to right them. The derailed train is not impeding traffic in the area, as the tracks are some distance away from the road. https://www.kezi.com/news/no-injuries-reported-after-train-partially-derails-in-eugene/article_e84a87f0-4f2f-11ed-b0ac-4f17deaa4517.html

CYBERSECURITY

MPs Warned to Change Emails Passwords After Cyber Attack on Canadian Government

Toronto Star, 10/18/2022

Members of Parliament have been asked to change their email passwords and some internet-based services on Parliament Hill have been restricted after what's being described as a "cyber incident." The threat to the government's information technology infrastructure was identified last Wednesday, said Amelie Crosson, the manager of communications in the Office of the Speaker. All users served by the House of Commons infrastructure — including members of Parliament and their staff, as well as staff of the House of Commons administration, the Senate, the Library of Parliament, the Parliamentary Protective Service and the Conflict of Interest and Ethics Commissioner — have been affected by the cyber incident. <https://www.thestar.com/politics/federal/2022/10/18/mps-warned-to-change-email-passwords-after-cyber-attack-on-canadian-government.html>

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