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The Evolution of Libyan Terrorism

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Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi responded to the military challenge posed by US naval forces on 24 March by aiming his terrorist weapon directly at US personnel and facilities. Qadhafi has not only moved beyond his traditional pattern of attacks on Libyan dissidents and moderate Arabs, but has also turned increasingly to radical Palestinians and other surrogates to carry out attacks on his behalf.

Previously, Qadhafi's terrorism was directed principally against those exiles whom he believes threaten his regime. Last year, for example, half of the 16 terrorist attacks attributable to Libya were conducted against anti-Qadhafi dissidents; five other operations were attempted against Egyptian or Tunisian targets. Qadhafi's anti-US rhetoric became increasingly strident after the 1981 incident in the Gulf of Sidra.

[Redacted]

Most recently, we know that Libya sponsored the bombing of a West Berlin discotheque on 5 April in which one American was killed and more than 200 persons wounded:

[Redacted]

3.3(b)(1)
3.5(c)

- We believe senior Libyan intelligence officials in Tripoli knew about and approved of the attack on the La Belle disco in West Berlin.

3.3(b)(1)
3.5(c)

In the aftermath of the second US airstrike on 14 April, Qadhafi has dramatically increased his efforts to attack US facilities and personnel. He apparently has decided to punish the United Kingdom for its role in supporting the attack as well. We believe that Libyans were involved to some degree in the following attacks and plots:

3.3(b)(1)
3.5(c)

- The attempt to place a large bomb aboard an El Al jet at London's Heathrow Airport. The Jordanian national arrested in London on 17 April in connection with the plot is the brother of the man arrested by West German police for involvement in the West Berlin disco bombing.

3.3(b)(1)

[Redacted]

- The killing of one American and two British hostages in Beirut on 16 April.

3.3(b)(1)

[Redacted] we believe there is a Libyan connection to murdered American hostage Peter Kilburn as well.

3.5(c)

New Moves

A new direction in Libyan terrorism became evident in late 1985, as closer links between Tripoli and the radical Palestinian group Abu Nidal surfaced. In November 1985, Libya was implicated in the bloody hijacking of an Egyptian airliner by the Abu Nidal Group. The incident ended in the deaths of more than 60 persons, including the coldblooded shootings of three US and two Israeli citizens; four of the five were women. The killings at the El Al ticket counters in the Rome and Vienna airports last December in which nearly 200 persons—including 20 Americans—were killed or wounded also were Abu Nidal attacks carried out with some degree of Libyan support.

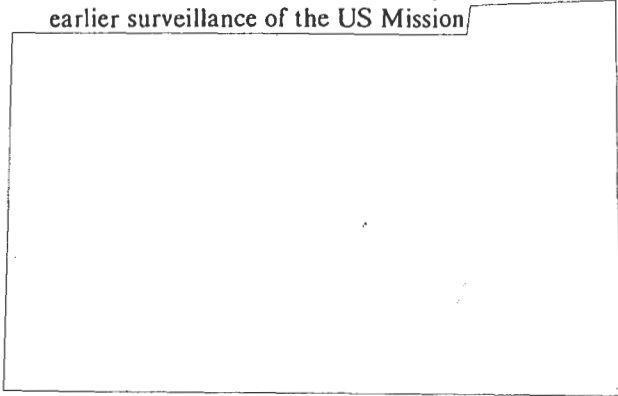
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- The shooting of a US Embassy employee outside his home in Khartoum on 15 April by unidentified gunmen. The attackers used a vehicle bearing the same license number as one used by Libyans in earlier surveillance of the US Mission



- These groups probably will select symbolic, easily accessible targets where an attack would cause extensive civilian casualties. Tight security has made embassies and official facilities more difficult targets, but a successful attack would be considered a significant blow in the eyes of both terrorists and the public.

3.3(b)(1)
3.5(c)

- The most likely attacks are those that use easily obtainable weapons that are easy to hide and difficult to trace.

3.5(c)



3.5(c)

Outlook

Qadhafi is likely to continue his efforts to attack US and British targets, particularly through surrogates. If no further US attacks are forthcoming, he may expand his target list to include those moderate pro-Western Arab governments he has attacked in the past. As the current rash of incidents indicates, however, the threat does not emanate solely from Qadhafi. The 14 April Tripoli raid alone provides sufficient rationale for any number of anti-Western groups to act "in retaliation" for the US action, thus indirectly satisfying Qadhafi's desire for revenge. In some cases, however, Qadhafi may choose to order surrogates to carry out terrorist acts, but finds himself unable to secure Palestinian participation. Radical Palestinians and other groups will retain their independence and maintain their own agenda and choice of targets:

- Libyan-sponsored radical Palestinian groups—especially the Abu Nidal organization—are probably the most dangerous surrogates at present. These groups offer Qadhafi the advantages of existing clandestine networks, proven effectiveness, and ability to conceal his involvement.
- Suicide attacks by fanatic Libyan nationals are possible, but Libyan and Palestinian terrorists in the past have sought to ensure their escape after operations.

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