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Energy Sector

Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: High, Cyber: High

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) – <http://esisac.com>]

1. *April 12, Washington Post* — **Fall of Iraqi cities raises questions about oil.** With Iraq's vast northern oil fields near Kirkuk seemingly secure, **industry analysts said yesterday that renewed oil production could begin there within a month, although difficult questions remain about how the oil might be sold and who would control the revenue.** U.S. military officials in Qatar said they were uncertain whether some wells in the Kirkuk region were booby-trapped with explosives as some were in the Rumaila fields in southern Iraq, but it appears that only one well was set afire, compared with nine in the south. John H. Lichtblau,

chairman of the Petroleum Industry Research Foundation Inc. in New York, said "There's some optimism that oil can be flowing to Ceyhan fairly soon," referring to crude moving from the Kirkuk region to a Turkish port. **But Lichtblau warned that difficulties remain in sorting out the details of the sale of Iraqi oil and who gets the revenue generated by it. In the early stages of the three-week war, some oil was still flowing from the northern fields to storage tanks at Ceyhan, but analysts said that stopped as storage tanks filled and shippers became unwilling to buy that oil when it was unclear who controlled it.** Moreover, United Nations negotiations on the distribution of future Iraqi oil revenue has largely been put on hold, with the United States seeking to use at least some of the oil proceeds for reconstruction efforts in Iraq.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A10608-2003Apr11.html>

2. *April 11, Platts Global Energy News* — **U.S. House of Representatives approves energy bill.** The U.S. House of Representatives on Friday passed a Republican-crafted comprehensive energy bill that includes a provision to open the coastal plain of Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) to oil and gas drilling. A majority of House members fought off a bid by drilling opponents to strip the ANWR opening language from the bill. But they did agree to limit the surface area covered by ANWR production and support facilities to 2,000 acres or less and to make the \$2.1-billion in bonus bids expected if ANWR is opened to the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program. The Senate is not expected to include an ANWR drilling provision in its energy bill, currently in committee, so House negotiators would need to get Senate negotiators to agree to the provision in conference. **The House legislation approved also includes a more than \$18-bil package of tax credits and incentives to promote energy production and conservation. The bill also includes provisions expediting the construction of an Alaska natural gas pipeline and provides loan guarantees to support the pipeline.**

Source: <http://www.platts.com/stories/home2.html>

3. *April 11, Los Angeles Times* — **Nuclear site stood unguarded for days. Three Iraqi warehouses filled with 2,500 barrels of uranium that could be enriched for nuclear weapons -- plus radioactive isotopes that could be used for deadly "dirty bombs" -- lay unguarded for several days this week** as Iraqi mobs swirled around. The facility, known as Location C, was Iraq's only internationally sanctioned storage site for nuclear material. **It thus was a potential prize for U.S. forces -- or for anyone seeking to steal radioactive material for sale to other countries or to terrorists.** Iraqi Republican Guard troops abandoned the site late last week as U.S. armored columns approached the nearby Tuwaitha nuclear research center south of Baghdad. Hordes of looters soon cut Tuwaitha's electric fences and began ransacking homes and offices in the complex, hauling off TVs and carpets in stolen luxury cars. U.S. officials said Marine combat engineers secured Location C on Wednesday after a State Department counter-terrorism task force warned Central Command of the danger. **Experts, though, say the lapse points to a larger concern: the immediate need to find and secure Iraq's nuclear weapons components, ballistic missile manuals, precursor chemicals for nerve gases, microbe feeder stocks for germ weapons, and countless other potentially dangerous materials that could aid terrorists or illegal weapons programs around the world.**

Source: <http://www.latimes.com/la-war-nuke11apr11004423.0.3549981.st.ory>

4. *April 10, SecurityFocus* — **Sparks over power grid cybersecurity.** Federal Energy Regulatory Committee (FERC), the organization responsible for keeping electricity flowing throughout the United States and Canada, took its first serious step this week to shoring up cyber security on the Byzantine computer networks that control electric power distribution. **That portions of the power grid are vulnerable to hack attack has been known since at least 1997, when a six month vulnerability assessment by the White House's National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee found basic security flaws in the computerized systems that control generators, switching stations and electrical substations. Despite the vulnerabilities, the report noted that physical attacks against utilities pose a greater threat than cyber attacks,** and years later there are still no known cases of hackers causing service outages. But closing the cybersecurity holes in "critical infrastructures" took on new urgency after September 11, and the FERC began talking about imposing security requirements on power companies.

Source: <http://www.securityfocus.com/news/3871>

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Chemical Sector

5. *April 11, CNN* — **Explosion at Kentucky plant kills one. An explosion ripped through a food additive plant Friday, killing a worker and spewing a cloud of ammonia over parts of Louisville.** Residents near the D.D. Williamson & Co. plant were asked to stay inside their homes and some were evacuated after the explosion at 2 a.m. shook windows more than three miles away. The blast ruptured a tank holding 40,000 pounds of ammonia. Firefighters tried to control the leak, but the tank was empty six hours later. Five workers were inside the plant at the time of the explosion. Four escaped uninjured, but the fifth — Louis C. Perry, 44, of Louisville — was killed, authorities said. The plant makes caramel coloring for food products and drinks. **The ammonia was used as a refrigerant, said R.N. Bartlett, spokesman for Jefferson County Emergency Management. Ammonia inhaled at high doses can be fatal, but the levels released after the explosion were not dangerous, he said. The warnings to area residents were lifted about six hours after the explosion.**

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2003/US/04/11/plant.explosion.ap/index.ht ml>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

6. *April 13, Washington Post* — **Some ships, planes likely to start homeward.** With the war in Iraq winding down, U.S. military commanders plan to start sending home some warships and planes but continue building up ground troops to deal with security, humanitarian relief and reconstruction challenges, defense officials said on Saturday. **Vice Adm. Timothy J. Keating, commander of U.S. and allied naval forces in the war, told reporters that two or three of the five U.S. aircraft carriers engaged in missions over Iraq will likely be dispatched soon to home ports.** A senior Air Force official said that four B-2 stealth bombers have already returned to their permanent base in Missouri from the Indian Ocean island of Diego Garcia, and preparations are underway to send F-117 stealth fighters in Qatar back to the United States. **In**

contrast to the reduction in air forces, plans call for more Army troops to keep flowing into the Persian Gulf region. Elements of the 4th Infantry Division and the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, recently arrived in Kuwait, have begun moving into Iraq. Next in line to deploy are the 1st Armored Division from Germany and the 1st Cavalry Division from Texas, officials said.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A14808-2003Apr 12.html>

7. *April 11, Washington Times* — **Caucus calls for study of Reserve deficiencies.** The National Guard and Reserve forces make up nearly half of America's troops, but the budget does not reflect the "equal footing" these troops should have with the active-duty forces, Senate Reserve Caucus members said on Thursday. **Mary Landrieu, Louisiana Democrat, and Saxby Chambliss, Georgia Republican, called for a comprehensive General Accounting Office (GAO) study of equipment and special needs associated with the recent rise in Guard and Reserve deployments. "Funding for the reserves and National Guard has not kept pace with the funding that we have given to the active force," Chambliss said.** The senators said there should be a thorough analysis to probe "pay and benefit discrepancies, and equipment and weapons modernization needs."

Source: <http://www.washingtontimes.com/national/20030411-9478170.htm>

8. *April 11, Federal Computer Week* — **NSA names new signals intell director.** The director of the National Security Agency, Air Force Lt. Gen. Michael Hayden, announced April 10 that Army Maj. Gen. Richard Quirk III will soon become NSA's director for signals intelligence. **"Having served as the deputy director for signals intelligence since August 2002, [Maj. Gen.] Quirk has helped define the agency's [signals intelligence] transformation during such world events as the global war on terrorism and Operation Iraqi Freedom," Hayden said in a statement. Joining Quirk in leading the signals intelligence directorate will be Charles Meals, who will move from the agency's customer relationships directorate to become deputy director.** Quirk will lead NSA's code-breaking mission into the future, Hayden said. Both appointments are effective April 21.

Source: <http://www.fcw.com/fcw/articles/2003/0407/web-nsa-04-11-03.a.sp>

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Banking and Finance Sector

Nothing to report.

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Transportation Sector

9. *April 12, CNN* — **Travelers warned of SARS dangers.** Americans planning to travel abroad are being urged to check for the latest information on Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) before departing. **The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the World Health Organization (WHO) have issued a number of travel advisories regarding SARS. The U.S. State Department's consular affairs Web site also has information regarding the disease.** SARS has killed 116 people worldwide, but the vast majority of deaths

and infections has been in Asia — notably China, including Hong Kong. Deaths have also been reported in Canada, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam, according to WHO figures published Friday. People with SARS infections have been reported as far afield as Brazil, Italy, Japan, the United States and South Africa. **In a public announcement, the State Department urged U.S. citizens to check with the embassies or consulates of countries they plan to visit for details of any travel restrictions or warnings.**

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2003/HEALTH/04/11/sars.warning/index.html>

10. *April 11, New York Times* — **No peace bounce for airlines.** The nation's airlines, which blamed the war in Iraq for a plunge in business that forced the layoffs of more than 10,000 employees and the elimination of dozens of flights, are not expecting the postwar era to be much brighter. **The weak economy, continued fears over terrorism and the complicating factor of the mysterious illness SARS, or Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome, are likely to offset any increase in travel that could be expected once it is clear that the conflict in Iraq has subsided, industry officials and analysts said yesterday.** Even under more normal conditions, this time of year has typically been one of the most sluggish travel periods. While traffic usually increases slightly during the weeks around Easter and Passover, it is generally slow until the middle of May, when colleges end classes for the year and family vacations begin.

Source: http://www.nytimes.com/2003/04/11/business/11AIR.html?ex=105_10929942271975d

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Postal and Shipping Sector

11. *April 10, New York Times* — **Anthrax cleanup to close mail center a year more. It has been 18 months since the mail-sorting plant in Hamilton, NJ was contaminated by anthrax spores and closed. But it will be at least a year more before it is safe for workers to go back inside.** The U.S. Postal Service announced Friday that the final step in cleaning out the anthrax that once had Trenton-area residents wearing rubber gloves to open their letters and bills would not begin until this fall. And it said that final cleanup, a fumigation with chlorine gas and installation of new equipment would probably not be finished until next April. At separate briefings for local officials, the news media, and local residents, the Postal Service's top engineer said that machinery to produce the chlorine gas had not yet been disassembled from the sorting plant outside Washington, DC where anthrax decontamination was recently completed.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2003/04/11/nyregion/11ANTH.html>

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Agriculture Sector

12. *April 11, Associated Press* — **Egg supplies good despite poultry disease. Despite a drop in egg production after the outbreak of Exotic Newcastle Disease, there will be plenty of eggs for Easter.** But in California, at least, people trying to buy chicks for the holiday may have a harder time. **The California Department of Food and Agriculture is requiring swap meets**

and feed and pet stores to sign an agreement detailing new regulations before selling the birds, to prevent a spread of the Exotic Newcastle Disease. The new rules include requiring store owners to keep the birds in pens and away from the public. They also require owners to maintain sales records for six months, including names and addresses of chicken hatcheries and store customers.

Source: <http://www.bayarea.com/mld/mercurynews/business/5608178.htm>

13. *April 10, Associated Press* — Poultry quarantined after infection found. The U.S.

Department of Agriculture has quarantined birds and poultry in three New Mexico

counties and two Texas counties after tests showed a backyard flock of chickens near El Paso carried Exotic Newcastle Disease, animal health officials announced Thursday.

The quarantine prohibits the movement of all birds and poultry in El Paso and Hudspeth counties in Texas; and Luna, Dona Ana and Otero counties in New Mexico, said Ray Apodaca, emergency management coordinator for the city and county of El Paso. **The infected flock was destroyed earlier this week as a pre-emptive measure, but animal health regulatory officials are concerned the highly contagious virus may have spread to other poultry and birds in the area.**

Source: <http://www.chron.com/cs/CDA/ssistory.mpl/metropolitan/1862387>

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Food Sector

Nothing to report.

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Water Sector

14. *April 11, Copenhagen Post* — Nitrogen discovery. Danish researchers, together with colleagues from Central America's Costa Rica University, have discovered vital new information on Earth's nitrogen processes. A Danish–Costa Rican discovery may be significant to current scientific opinion on the planet's nitrogen circulation. According to the Danish Environmental Research Institute (DMU), the new data may even assume an important commercial role. **Senior researcher Tage Dalsgaard from DMU's Department for Marine Ecology, together with colleagues from the University of Southern Denmark and Costa Rica, discovered that bacteria removes more nitrogen from marine environments than scientists had previously reckoned. The discovery may be useful in developing cleaning facilities, where bacteria can limit the spread of toxins by filtering waste water more effectively.**

Source: <http://cphpost.periskop.dk/default.asp?id=29969>

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Public Health Sector

15.

April 13, The Age (Australia) — **SARS global death toll mounts.** The worldwide death toll from the SARS virus climbed to 126 today as the fallout from the epidemic caused growing disruption to key east Asian economies. **As new deaths from Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) over the weekend were reported in Canada, Hong Kong, China and Vietnam, scientists said they had made progress towards developing a diagnostic test – and perhaps ultimately a cure – for the illness.** China remains the hardest hit with 60 dead, followed by Hong Kong with 36 and Canada with 13. Singapore has reported nine deaths, with five in Vietnam, two in Thailand and one in Malaysia. **More than 3,200 SARS cases have been reported worldwide, with Hong Kong and China, where the first cases of SARS appeared in the southern province of Guangdong in November, recording the highest numbers of sick. Both governments have been accused of responding too slowly to the epidemic,** with critics saying they failed to react for fear of sparking widespread panic.

Source: <http://www.theage.com.au/articles/2003/04/13/1050172472842.html>

16. *April 11, Associated Press* — **Alachua case draws CDC's attention. Federal officials said Thursday that the new respiratory virus that began in Asia may have spread for the first time in a workplace in the United States.** Dr. Julie Gerberding, head of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), said a suspected Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) patient who became ill after traveling to Asia may have infected a co-worker in Florida. The case is in the Gainesville area. A 47-year-old woman is thought to have been infected at work by a 60-year-old woman who was the county's first suspected SARS case, said Tom Belcuore, director of the Alachua, FL Health Department. **Until now, severe acute respiratory syndrome has appeared to spread only to family members or health workers who have had close contact with an infected person.**

Source: http://www.orlandosentinel.com/news/custom/science/orl-aseccdc11041103apr11_0.2442114.story?coll=orl-news-headlines

17. *April 11, Reuters* — **U.S. hospitals brace for SARS as cases inch up. U.S. hospitals are bracing to treat more patients with Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS), as the number of suspected cases in the U.S. inches up.** The disease has sent thousands into quarantine in Canada, putting a dire strain on the country's health care system. **The roughly 5,000 hospitals in the United States are preparing special isolation rooms, retooling emergency rooms, and stocking up on face masks to be ready for SARS.** Although the flu-like illness originated in southern China, it swiftly made its way to North America and killed 10 in Canada, where some hospitals closed due to the outbreak.

Source: http://www.forbes.com/home_asia/newswire/2003/04/11/rtr937654.html

18. *April 11, Oakland Tribune* — **Report: Medical system leaves Californians vulnerable. California's public health system is so fragmented that residents are seriously vulnerable to everything from an outbreak of the flu to a bioterror attack, an independent state group said in a report released Thursday.** The Little Hoover Commission report, which was meant to analyze the state's homeland security after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, found an antiquated public health infrastructure ill-equipped to deal with even routine threats. The report cited several concerns. **Attention and resources that should be spent on public health preparedness are instead diverted to maintaining massive programs, like Medi-Cal, serving the uninsured.** Hospital-acquired infections are killing an estimated 8,000 people a year in the state and a robust public health system could prevent the majority of those deaths.

Public health departments are scattered throughout various government agencies in an aging system that lacks leadership, communication, and coordination.

Source: <http://www.oaklandtribune.com/Stories/0,1413,82~1865~1319046,00.html>

19. *April 10, Federal Computer Week* — **Homeland Security Department seeks R & D funds.** **Bioterrorism is the biggest threat facing the nation at home and new technologies must be developed to fight it,** the new under secretary for the Homeland Security Department's Science and Technology Directorate told Congress on April 10. **Charles McQueary, who was sworn into office on Wednesday, testified before the House Appropriations Committee's Subcommittee on Homeland Security about why the administration is seeking \$803 million in fiscal 2004 for research and development of anti-terrorism technology. Nearly half of the administration's request would be used for research on biological threats.** The funds would be earmarked to develop a nationwide bio-surveillance system that looks for early indicators of exposure to biological agents and a rapid means of detecting infected animals before a disease spreads.

Source: <http://www.fcw.com/fcw/articles/2003/0407/web-biord-04-10-03.asp>

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Government Sector

20. *April 12, New York Times* — **Schools across nation redrawing crisis plans.** In the last two months, schools in New York City, and elsewhere across the nation, have been redrawing crisis plans, ordering more drills and briefing their staffs on new emergency procedures. In many cases, these new precautions were sparked by the latest round of terror alerts. **Parents, once finished stocking their own homes, turned their attention to the schools, in some cases bombarding them with questions about their readiness. For many principals, however, dealing with the issue has meant walking a fine line, sending home letters detailing their precautions while trying not to terrify everyone.** "The effort is always to address the widest range of concern without getting too extreme and without creating any kind of panic," said Lawrence Lynch, the principal of the Booker T. Washington Middle School. **New York City government, too, has pushed schools to beef up their emergency plans. Just before the start of war, the city's Education Department ordered schools to review safety procedures. But parents have often demanded that schools go far beyond that, taking unusual measures like stocking up on water and nonperishable food.**

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2003/04/12/education/12SECU.html?ex=105115631269f2f4c1>

21. *April 12, New York Times* — **Deal is reached in Congress on New York security aid.** House and Senate negotiators reached agreement on Friday on an aid package that would fulfill New York City's request for tens of millions of dollars to pay for antiterrorism efforts. **The city and New York State will draw money from a \$700 million pot that both chambers of Congress are set to approve for states and cities believed to be the most vulnerable to attack.** . The security package for high-risk areas does not specify how much money will go to New York. But lawmakers here said the city and the state should get about \$200 million. **New York City would get 80 percent of the money to cover its security costs, and the remainder would go to the state government in Albany.**

Source: http://www.nytimes.com/2003/04/12/nyregion/12AID.html?ex=105_1155702e66f3521

22. *April 11, New York Times* — **U.S. pulls diplomats from 17 countries.** A combination of war, terrorist threats and the spread of the respiratory disease known as Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) has resulted in the largest withdrawal of American diplomats from overseas posts since the 1991 Persian Gulf war, officials say. **In recent months, the State Department has evacuated about 1,400 diplomats and their dependents from 17 countries, the officials said. That number could surge, they noted, depending on the course of SARS in some countries.** "This is the largest number I've seen," said Faye Barnes, who took over as director of the department's family liaison office five years ago. Still, she said, the number of Americans sent home was higher in the previous Persian Gulf war, when 3,500 were evacuated from posts in the region. **Most of the evacuees are voluntary and come from countries near Iraq. But a growing number are leaving China and Vietnam because of concerns over contracting SARS or receiving adequate treatment if they become ill.**

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2003/04/11/international/worldspecial/11CND-EVAC.html>

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Emergency Services Sector

Nothing to report.

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Information and Telecommunications Sector

23. *April 10, National Journal* — **FBI director says tech investments are paying off.** FBI Director Robert Mueller on Thursday highlighted the bureau's success in thwarting terrorist attacks, counterintelligence operations and confronting cyber crime in his budget presentation to the Senate Commerce, Justice and State Appropriations Subcommittee. After counterterrorism and counterintelligence, **Mueller said that tackling cyber crime was the bureau's third priority area.** "Unfortunately, we are seeing explosive growth in cyber crime—both traditional crimes such as fraud and copyright infringement that have migrated online, and new crimes like computer intrusions and denial of service attacks," he said. **Over the past six years, the number of such cases grew from 113 to 2,300. The FBI's Cyber Program would "focus on identifying and neutralizing: 1) individuals or groups conducting computer intrusions and spreading malicious code; 2) intellectual property thieves; 3) Internet fraudsters; and 4) online predators that sexually exploit or endanger children,"** he said. The agency has been consolidating those operations into a new Cyber Division at its headquarters, and its total budget request for fiscal 2004 is \$234 million to protect against cyber-based attacks and high-tech crimes, including 77 new agents.

Source: <http://www.govexec.com/dailyfed/0403/041003td2.htm>

24. *April 09, The International News* — **Pakistan sets up Working Group for Network Security.** **The ministry of information technology in Karachi, Pakistan, has set up a Working Group for Network Security to outline measures for cyber safety in the country.** "The Working Group would comprise around 25 persons belonging to ministry of IT, intelligence

agencies, representatives from internet service providers (ISPs) and the country's renowned software houses," said an official at the ministry who wished not to be named. "You can call it a professionals' forum with objectives to oversee and drive the development of network security, threat assessment, defensive and offensive mechanisms, viruses and Trojans. **The Group will bring together various public and private sector entities to create synergies and establish direct contact among the specialists,**" the official informed. **Initially, the Group would discuss growing threat of insecure networks, intrusions, web page defacements and cyber terrorism.** It will then discuss formulation of policies and guidelines and encourage ideas related to strong authentication mechanism such as smart cards, PKI, biometrics, Kerberos, tokens, digital certificates.

Source: <http://jang.com.pk/thenews/apr2003-daily/09-04-2003/business/b1.htm>

Internet Alert Dashboard

Current Alert Levels	
 AlertCon: 1 out of 4 https://gtoc.iss.net	 Security Focus ThreatCon: 1 out of 4 http://analyzer.securityfocus.com/
Current Virus and Port Attacks	
Virus:	#1 Virus in the United States: WORM_LOVGATE.F Source: http://wtc.trendmicro.com/wtc/wmap.html , Trend World Micro Virus Tracking Center [Infected Computers, North America, Past 24 hours, #1 in United States]
Top 10 Target Ports	80 (www), 137 (netbios-ns), 1434 (ms-sql-m), 25 (smtp), 445 (microsoft-ds), 139 (netbios-ssn), 4304 (----), 113 (ident), 4662 (eDonkey2000), 0 (----) Source: http://isc.incidents.org/top10.html ; Internet Storm Center

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General Sector

25. *April 12, New York Times* — **France says substance found in train station was wheat germ.**

French investigators said on Friday that the contents of bottles found at a Paris train station last month and believed to be the poison ricin actually consisted of ground wheat germ and barley. **They said the grain was mistakenly identified as ricin because it consists of protein whose structure is similar to that of ricin.** The grain was found in bottles discovered in a locker at the Gare de Lyon. After initial tests, the French authorities said the bottles contained small amounts of the deadly poison ricin. Later tests by the Defense Ministry proved this was not so, the Paris prosecutor's office said.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2003/04/12/international/europe/12PAR1.html?ex=1051155193140b6e58>

26. *April 11, USA Today* — **U.S. believes 9/11 answers forthcoming.** Captured al Qaeda operations chief Khalid Shaikh Mohammed is giving federal authorities so much information about the group's potential targets, tactics and operatives that it could take years to fully debrief the highest-ranking terrorism suspect in U.S. custody, a senior government official says. **After interrogating Mohammed for nearly a month, authorities have come to believe that he eventually will provide answers to lingering questions about how al Qaeda carried out the September 11 terrorist attacks. The official says Mohammed also could give authorities a thorough history of the group's operations over more than a decade, possibly dating to its first murder victim.** Unlike other top al Qaeda leaders who initially refused to cooperate with interrogators or who gave false information, Mohammed began talking within days of his capture on March 1 in Pakistan, government sources said. **It's unclear why Mohammed is talking, but so far, the senior official said, there is no reason to believe that interrogators are getting anything other than "valuable information."**

Source: http://www.usatoday.com/news/washington/2003-04-10-alqaeda-u_sat_x.htm

27. *April 11, Associated Press* — **USS Cole bomb suspects escape in Yemen.** Yemeni authorities were hunting for 10 of the main suspects in the 2000 bombing of the USS Cole after they escaped from prison Friday, officials said. The fugitives, including chief suspect Jamal al-Badawi, had been jailed in the port city of Aden since shortly after the destroyer was bombed, killing 17 American sailors. **Officials at Aden's governor's office would not say how the men escaped early Friday. But they quoted intelligence sources as saying security forces were out in force in a major search operation. Photographs of the men were distributed to police and houses of the escaped men's relatives were searched, the officials said on condition of anonymity.**

Source: http://www.usatoday.com/news/world/2003-04-11-yemen-cole-esc_apees_x.htm

28. *April 11, Associated Press* — **Professor is denied bail in terrorism case.** A Palestinian-born professor will remain jailed without bond until his trial on charges that he led a terrorist organization's U.S. operations and helped its members enter the country, a federal judge ruled on Thursday. **Former University of South Florida computer engineering professor Sami al-Arian and co-defendant Sameeh Hammoudeh must remain jailed because each poses a danger and a flight risk, U.S. Magistrate Judge Mark A. Pizzo ruled. "These two, based on the government's strong presentation, repeatedly assisted, promoted, or managed the [Palestinian Islamic Jihad], an organization which indiscriminately murders to achieve its goals," Pizzo wrote.** Pizzo granted bond to two other co-defendants, setting Ghassan Zayed Ballut's at \$620,000 and Hatim Naji Fariz's at \$1.1 million. The defendants and four co-conspirators living abroad were indicted on February 20 on racketeering, conspiracy and other charges.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A5557-2003Apr10.html>

29. *April 11, New York Times* — **German police raid an Islamic militant group.** The German police raided some 80 buildings throughout the country on Thursday as part of a continuing crackdown against a militant Islamic group that was banned after the September 11 attacks in the United States. **he coordinated raids, which began at 6 a.m., were aimed at collecting computer disks, mailing lists and publications of the group, Hizb ut-Tahrir, or Party of Liberation, including a German magazine, Explizit, according to the Interior Ministry. There were no reports of arrests. The German government has accused the group, which**

is particularly strong in German universities with substantial numbers of Muslim students among its membership, of propagating anti-Semitism and urging violence against Jews. The group's Web site declares that it aims to put Islamic leaders into power in Arab countries, though it says it pursues peaceful methods. "Today's measures are a clear warning to everyone that we will act against violent propaganda and anti-Semitic agitation," Interior Minister Otto Schily said.

Source: http://www.nytimes.com/2003/04/11/international/europe/11GER_M.html

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The Department of Homeland Security's Information Analysis and Infrastructure Protection (IAIP) serves as a national critical infrastructure threat assessment, warning, vulnerability entity. The IAIP provides a range of bulletins and advisories of interest to information system security and professionals and those involved in protecting public and private infrastructures. By visiting the IAIP web-site (<http://www.nipc.gov>), one can quickly access any of the following DHS/IAIP products:

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