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- Reuters reports the Bush administration has concluded that stun guns, which emit a disabling electric shock, can be used for security on U.S. airlines. (See item [9](#))
- The Washington Post reports at least 37 people in three Midwestern states have contracted a disease related to smallpox, known as monkeypox, marking the first outbreak of the life-threatening illness in the United States. (See item [20](#))

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Energy Sector

**Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: Elevated, Cyber: Elevated**

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

1. *June 09, New York Times* — **Iraq's disorder may lead OPEC to hold output steady.** The world's largest exporters of crude oil expected demand for petroleum to look weak, Iraq's return to the oil market after the war to be strong, and prices, as a consequence, to fall. But none of that has come to pass. **So when the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries meets on Wednesday in Doha, Qatar, oil industry analysts said, it is likely to do nothing about current production levels.** "OPEC gets a free pass at this meeting" from making a decision, said Lawrence J. Goldstein, president of the Petroleum Industry Research Foundation in New York. **During the war, oil traders thought that Iraqi exports would resume by late May or early June. Now, those expectations are likely to be delayed at least a month.**

**"Iraq is coming back slower and weaker than originally thought,"** Goldstein said. "Prices are hovering around \$30 a barrel, and we're going into seasons of stronger demand in the third and fourth quarters." Iraq was a founding and active member of OPEC, but since the Persian Gulf war of 1991, its exports have been regulated by the United Nations oil-for-food program, not OPEC's quota system.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2003/06/09/business/09OIL.html>

2. *June 06, Reuters* — **Mexico power plants bolster California energy supply. California will be able to turn to Mexico for help this summer when the seasonal surge in air conditioning demand strains the state's power grid with two major new power plants opening just across the border.** The plants had been built after a permitting process that took a quarter of the time taken to approve comparable facilities in California, a state hit by blackouts in 2001 and a power alert during an electricity shortage only last week. **California's strict environmental standards and slow moving permitting process were seen as key factors behind its 2000–01 energy crisis. At that point it had been nearly a decade since the state had added a major power plant to its electric grid.** Two new power plants popped up this year in the border town of Mexicali, built by Sempra Energy Resources and Intergen. Together, they can provide California's 35 million residents up to 1,100 megawatts, enough to serve about a million homes.

Source: [http://hsweb01.screamingmedia.com/PMA/pma\\_newsarticle1\\_national.htm?SMDOCID=reuters\\_pma\\_2003\\_06\\_06\\_eng-reuters\\_pma\\_MEXICO-POWER-PLANTS-BOLSTER-CALIF-ENERGY-SUPPLYa](http://hsweb01.screamingmedia.com/PMA/pma_newsarticle1_national.htm?SMDOCID=reuters_pma_2003_06_06_eng-reuters_pma_MEXICO-POWER-PLANTS-BOLSTER-CALIF-ENERGY-SUPPLYa)

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## Chemical Sector

3. *June 09, Holland Sentinel (Michigan)* — **Two workers burned in Michigan chemical plant accident. A small explosion at Zeeland Chemicals, Inc. (Holland, MI) on Sunday afternoon sent two workers to the hospital with burns.** The two workers, whose names aren't being released, suffered burns on their arms and faces, company officials said. One worker had first-degree burns and the other had second-degree burns, Zeeland Fire Department officials said. Both are in stable condition at Blodgett Hospital's burn unit. The explosion occurred around 2 p.m. in Building 5 of the sprawling plant, located at 215 N. Centennial Street in Zeeland. There was no danger to nearby houses, Zeeland Fire Chief Bill Gruppen said. The two workers, part of a crew of four chemical workers and two maintenance employees at the plant on Sunday afternoon, were working on manufacturing a "standard chemical" used for toners and copiers, said Chad Telgenhof, Zeeland Chemicals operations manager. **The chemical — isopropylamine — was in a liquid form and was flammable. The cause of the fire and explosion is still under investigation by both the fire department and the company.** After the explosion, other workers got the two burn victims into showers and called the fire department, Telgenhof said. "When we arrived on scene, we saw no smoke but had a visible fire," Gruppen said. "There was a low flame along the floor. We put it out with foam and water."

Source: [http://www.thehollandsentinel.net/stories/060903/loc\\_0609030\\_03.shtml](http://www.thehollandsentinel.net/stories/060903/loc_0609030_03.shtml)

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*June 09, LA Times* — **Army to destroy tons of chemical weapons.** The Army said it plans to begin destroying more than 2,200 tons of nerve agents in Alabama next month. **The munitions, remnants from the Cold War, have been stored for decades in dirt-covered concrete bunkers about 60 miles east of Birmingham.** The planned incineration at the Anniston Army Depot could be delayed by two lawsuits filed by opponents and questions about safety precautions. About 75,000 people live within 10 miles of the depot, which holds 2,254 tons of weapons loaded with nerve and blister agents, or about 7% of the nation's chemical weapons stockpile.

Source: [http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/nation/la-na-briefs9\\_4jun09.1.7538027.story?coll=la-headlines-nation](http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/nation/la-na-briefs9_4jun09.1.7538027.story?coll=la-headlines-nation)

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

- June 09, Washington Post* — **New bases reflect shift in military.** In the most extensive global realignment of U.S. military forces since the end of the Cold War, **the Bush administration is creating a network of far-flung military bases designed for the rapid projection of American military power against terrorists, hostile states and other potential adversaries.** The withdrawal of U.S. troops from the Demilitarized Zone between North and South Korea, announced Thursday, and the recent removal of most U.S. forces from Saudi Arabia are the opening moves in a complex shift that should replace most large, permanent U.S. bases overseas with smaller facilities that can be used as needed, defense officials said. **The bases are being built or expanded in countries such as Qatar, Bulgaria and Kyrgyzstan, and the U.S. territory of Guam.** The new bases will become key nodes in the implementation of the administration's doctrine of preemptive attack against terrorists and hostile states believed to have chemical, biological or nuclear weapons. **Their location is based on the premise that U.S. forces must be able to strike rapidly adversaries armed with weapons of mass destruction before they can attack the United States or its allies.**

Source: [http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A32331-2003Jun8.html?nav=hptop\\_tb](http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A32331-2003Jun8.html?nav=hptop_tb)

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

- June 07, Associated Press* — **Pennsylvania man charged in \$10 million identity theft ring.** A Pennsylvania man is charged with being one of the leaders of an identity theft ring that prosecutors say bilked about \$10 million from as many as 30,000 people. **Nathaniel Preddie, 29, of Spring Ridge, was arrested by Spring Township police and investigators from the FBI Violent Crimes Task Force.** Preddie, also known as Enietie Ukpogon and several other names, recently left New York City and settled in Berks County following the breakup of the ring, which had been operating since mid-2000, officials said. **Federal officials contend that the group obtained bank-access codes from Robert Cummings, an employee of a New York City software company that provided software to credit-history repositories Experian, Equifax and TransUnion.**

Source: <http://www.newsday.com/news/local/wire/ny-bc-ny--identitytheft0607jun07.0.4287672.story?coll=ny-ap-regional-wire>

7. *June 06, U.S. Treasury Department* — **U.S. designates 17 individuals linked to al Qaeda supporting actions taken by Italy and Germany. The U.S. Treasury Department on Friday joined Italy in designating 16 individuals associated with the Algerian based Armed Islamic Group (GIA).** In addition, Treasury designated Abdelghani Mzoudi, a member of the Hamburg, Germany, al Qaeda cell that planned the September 11th attacks on America, in support of German action against Mzoudi. With the support of the United States, Italy and Germany have submitted these names to the United Nations 1267 Committee. If there are no objections from the UN 1267 committee, all UN member states will be required to designate these 17 individuals on Tuesday. **These designations prohibit transactions between U.S. persons and these individuals and freeze any assets in the United States.**

Source: <http://www.treasury.gov/press/releases/js458.htm>

8. *June 06, U.S. Department of the Treasury* — **Global terrorism sanctions regulations.** The Office of Foreign Assets Control of the U.S. Department of the Treasury is adding new part 594 to chapter V of 31 CFR to carry out the purposes of Executive Order 13224 of September 23, 2001, "Blocking Property and Prohibiting Transactions with Persons Who Commit, Threaten to Commit, or Support Terrorism." Effective Date: June 6, 2003. **Written comments must be received no later than August 5, 2003.** Comments may be sent either via regular mail to the attention of Chief, Policy Planning and Program Management Division, rm. 2176, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Annex—2d Floor, Washington, DC 20220, or via OFAC's Web site:

<http://www.treas.gov/ofac>.

Source: <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocke.t.access.gpo.gov/2003/03-14251.htm>

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## **Transportation Sector**

9. *June 09, Reuters* — **U.S. says stun guns viable for airline security. The Bush administration has concluded that stun guns, which emit a disabling electric shock, can be used for security on U.S. airlines,** a homeland security official said on Monday. After months of testing, the Transportation Security Administration said in a report to Congress that stun gun technology was an acceptable non-lethal option to protect the cockpit from intruders. The government, which has taken a number of steps to improve airline security since the 2001 hijacked airliner attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon, also is not ruling out their use by cabin crew in the passenger cabin. **“We think they are viable but only viable if done right,”** said Robert Johnson, a spokesman for the security administration. Johnson stressed the agency, which already permits commercial pilots to carry lethal firearms, had not yet approved any carriers to arm their crews with stun guns. **Only two airlines, United Airlines and Mesa Air Group have sought government permission to do so** and Johnson said their applications are being reviewed. There is no timetable for a decision.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/reuters/news/news-airlines-stunguns.html>

10. *June 08, Associated Press* — **Customs deploys chemical-detecting dogs. More being trained to aid in fight against terrorism. Dogs trained to sniff out deadly chemicals are being added at some airports, seaports and other U.S. entry points to help prevent acts of terrorism.** The Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, which oversees about 300 entry points, began deploying dogs a couple of months ago, the bureau's commissioner, Robert Bonner, said in an interview Friday. **For years, Customs has been training dogs and putting them to work at border crossings to detect illegal narcotics or other contraband.** The new chemical-sniffing and explosives-detecting dogs are being added to the existing force, Bonner said.

Source: <http://www.sunspot.net/news/nationworld/bal-te.dogs08jun08.0.856756.story?coll=bal-nationworld-headlines>

11. *June 06, U. S. Department of Homeland Security; Transportation Security Administration* — **Screeener reduction on track as rightsizing is refined. The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) will meet a September 30 deadline for rightsizing its screener work force with the help of a more refined plan to determine screener needs of individual airports,** TSA Administrator Adm. James M. Loy said today. Even as TSA began reducing screener positions, it was refining a preliminary plan to recognize actual numbers of passengers being screened, passenger wait time, and airport characteristics that can physically limit the speed of passenger and baggage screening. **The refined rightsizing model, designed to make sure each airport has the right number of full-and part-time screeners, is driven by the number of originating passengers at each airport, which is the best evidence of actual screening workload.** This model takes into account both passenger and baggage screener requirements as well as the actual checkpoints, lanes and baggage equipment needed. It also takes into account the unique physical characteristics of each airport. **TSA will rely more on part-time screeners to keep every open screening lane fully staffed, and within two weeks will start approving requests from full-time screeners who want to switch to part-time.**

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

12. *June 09, Cybercast News Service* — **African ports to enhance maritime security.** Fears that terrorists may use ships in the planning or execution of mass attacks have promoted port and maritime managers to put more effort into improving port security, although the financial implications such measures will have on the industry are causing concern. The Kenya Ports Authority (KPA) is in the final stages of implementing new security measures spelled out by global industry leaders, including the use of x-ray equipment to scan incoming and outgoing cargo, a spokesman said. **Port officials in many African countries do not have access to sophisticated x-ray equipment and other scanning devices, and they rely on physical inspection of containers. Underfunded African ports are concerned about the costs of upgrading the security to the expected standards.** A KPA official said the procurement of security equipment was very expensive and also required further investment for manpower training. It's feared that implementing the security measures, in the absence of financial assistance, will slow down cargo clearing time. **African port managers meeting in Tanzania early this year called for funding from donor nations.**

Source: <http://www.cnsnews.com/ViewForeignBureaus.asp?Page=%5CForeignBureaus%5Carchive%5C200306%5CFOR20030609c.html>

13. *June 09, Voice of America* — **North Korea suspends major trade link with Japan. North Korea blames a tough new Japanese policy for the canceled ferry service, and says the policy could have "catastrophic consequences".** The passenger–cargo ship Man Gyong Bong had been scheduled to dock at the Japanese port of Niigata on Monday. But because of a new Japanese policy to subject all North Korean vessels to tough inspections, the trip was canceled abruptly. **The ship is a major trade link for the impoverished nation, and is the only direct passenger link to Japan. But, according to North Korean defectors and Japanese security officials, the vessel often engages in illicit trade, smuggling back to North Korea billions of dollars and the technology to build weapons of mass destruction. Those reports prompted Tokyo to require tough new inspections for North Korean ships. Hundreds of customs, shipping, and immigration inspectors had been prepared to probe every bit of the Man Gyong Bong.**

Source: <http://www.voanews.com/article.cfm?objectID=2A675C2C-5677-4EAE-A4A99F2913B3574D>

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## **Agriculture Sector**

14. *June 09, Department of Homeland Security* — **New DHS and USDA partnership for Plum Island Animal Disease Center boosts nation's agroterrorism defense. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) today announced a partnership agreement to transfer management of the Plum Island (New York) Animal Disease Center.** This agreement provides an added layer of protection to the nation's agricultural system while also meeting the mandates set out by the Homeland Security Act. **Under the agreement, DHS and USDA have launched a joint management program to oversee a four–month transition period. USDA will continue to perform agricultural animal health research and foreign animal disease diagnostics programs at Plum Island.** "Plum Island will remain a key part of the U.S. animal health research and diagnostic infrastructure, which is vital to protect the nation's livestock and poultry from introductions of foreign animal diseases," said Dr. Joseph Jen, USDA's Under Secretary for Research, Education and Economics. **Plum Island researchers will lend their expertise to the DHS's biological countermeasures efforts, which will include the prevention, detection, and response to high–consequence threats to U.S. agriculture.**

Source: <http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/display?content=936>

15. *June 08, Pensacola News Journal* — **Non–native species take root in Florida, jeopardizing environment, economy, health.** "From an environmental standpoint, I'd say invasive non–native species probably represent the worst issue that Florida's natural resources have to confront right now," said Charles Bronson, the state's agriculture and consumer services commissioner. **Florida currently spends about \$45 million a year locating, mapping, and destroying invasive plant and animal species. But the money has hardly made a dent in the problem. Damage to the Florida's major business interests, such as the multibillion–dollar citrus industry, has already cost hundreds of millions of dollars to**

**repair.** And every year the state's agricultural industry suffers an estimated \$179 million in lost sales because of foreign invasive species that either significantly reduce crop yields or destroy them altogether. **Statewide, the problem is getting worse. Every day shipments of foreign plants from around the world are pouring into international airports and shipping ports in Miami and Tampa.** A major component of the problem is the state's tropical weather. Florida's sunny skies and warm temperatures are ideal for many foreign plants and animals. Source: <http://www.pensacolanewsjournal.com/news/060803/Local/ST002.shtml>

16. *June 07, Associated Press* — **Oak disease found in Jackson county. Sudden oak death, a devastating disease that has killed more than 100,000 trees and plants in California, has been found at two nurseries in Jackson, OR just weeks after an outbreak at a Gresham, OR nursery.** Ten camellias shipped from California to the Jackson county nurseries were found to have the disease. **The consecutive discoveries have raised questions about how to control the blight and keep it from attacking Oregon nurseries, which generate \$714 million in annual sales.** Oregon agriculture officials said the infected Jackson County plants were discovered after tracing shipments from four California nurseries where the pathogen has been found. There is no evidence to suggest a connection with the outbreak in Gresham, which affected thousands of plants. Source: <http://news.statesmanjournal.com/article.cfm?i=62745>

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## **Food Sector**

Nothing to report.

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## **Water Sector**

17. *June 09, Newsday* — **Schools cancel classes because of tainted water fears. Concerns over bacteria in Vestal, NY's water supply prompted schools to cancel classes Monday.** Superintendent Mark Capobianco said he canceled classes for about 1,700 students at Vestal Middle School, African Road Elementary School, and Vestal Hills Elementary School as a precaution. "We have no way of getting safe water into the buildings or to prepare food," he told the Press & Sun-Bulletin of Binghamton. Students at four other district schools were expected to attend classes at the regular time, he said. **Vestal issued an advisory Friday because tests detected E. Coli in the water supply for about 4,000 homes and businesses. The Broome County Health Department found no presence of E. Coli or fecal coliform in five samples taken from the water supply Sunday, spokeswoman Jan Chytilo said.** Source: <http://www.newsday.com/news/local/wire/ny-bc-ny--taintedwater0609jun09.0.7256314.story?coll=ny-ap-regional-wire>

18. *June 09, Associated Press* — **Cost of New Mexico's water projects pegged at \$4 billion. The cost of needed water projects in New Mexico approaches \$4 billion, which is as much as the yearly budget of state government.** The New Mexico Finance Authority outlined the preliminary cost estimates Friday to an interim legislative committee, which is trying to find a

way to pay for the water problems confronting New Mexico. **New Mexico needs at least \$2.1 billion for community drinking water systems and waste water projects across the state in the next five years. Long-term projects to develop new supplies of water will cost at least \$1.5 billion and some of those will take more than a decade to complete.**

Source: [http://www.abqtrib.com/archives/news03/060703\\_news\\_cost.shtml](http://www.abqtrib.com/archives/news03/060703_news_cost.shtml)

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## **Public Health Sector**

19. *June 09, Canadian Press* — **Fears of new SARS cluster. Ontario, Canada's Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) containment team is worried a new cluster of unexplained cases may have come to light with reports that a group of dialysis patients who attend a clinic in Whitby, east of Toronto, is suffering from pneumonia. A release from the hospital's management insists the Whitby facility is experiencing "a respiratory outbreak which is non-SARS related."** But experts suggest at this point in the greater Toronto area, any cluster of pneumonias has to set off alarm bells in the system. "It's hard to believe it's not SARS," said Dr. Donald Low, the key medical adviser to the SARS containment team. **The current SARS outbreak, in Toronto, was sparked after officials at North York General Hospital, who were alerted to suspicious pneumonias by worried nurses, decided the patients couldn't be suffering from SARS because they could not discover a link to prior cases. As a consequence, the disease festered among patients of the hospital's orthopedic ward for weeks before eventually infecting large numbers of the hospital's staff.** Infected patients transferred from the facility took the disease to several other hospitals in Toronto.

Source: [http://www.thestar.com/NASApp/cs/ContentServer?pagename=thesar/Layout/Article\\_Type152251784280geid=968332188492](http://www.thestar.com/NASApp/cs/ContentServer?pagename=thesar/Layout/Article_Type152251784280geid=968332188492)

20. *June 08, Washington Post* — **Monkeypox cases increase to 37 in Midwest. Federal and state health officials have identified several new cases of African monkeypox virus infections in Midwesterners who came into contact with infected pet prairie dogs, bringing to 37 the number of confirmed or suspected cases of a disease that until two weeks ago had never appeared in the Western Hemisphere.** Officials at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta — along with state health authorities in Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana — said they were scrambling to contain the tri-state outbreak by tracing sales of potentially infected animals and the whereabouts of people who may have come in contact with them. They said it was too soon to say whether the outbreak, caused by a close relative of the smallpox virus, would continue to grow or might soon burn itself out. Some public health officials said they hoped **the outbreak would also force the federal government to focus more on the problem of disease-carrying exotic pets, which in increasing numbers are being imported from far-off lands — and exported from the United States to other nations, where they are causing health problems.** Monkeypox has proven fatal in as many as 10 percent of humans infected in Africa, but it has not killed any of its U.S. victims. Six of seven who were hospitalized with the ailment were recovering yesterday; others were recuperating at home. And while experience in Africa has suggested the virus can sometimes spread from person to person, there is no evidence that such transmission has occurred in the U.S. outbreak. The outbreak has been tentatively traced to a batch of prairie dogs that may have caught the virus from an infected Gambian giant pouched rat in a pet store.

Source: [http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A36953-2003Jun9.html?nav=hptoc\\_h](http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A36953-2003Jun9.html?nav=hptoc_h)

21. *June 08, Inland Valley Daily Bulletin* — **Los Angeles monitors skin infection.** As the Sheriff's Department deals with a skin infection outbreak in the largest jail system in the nation, Los Angeles county health officials are monitoring the infection in the community. **Hospitals in the county must report cases of children coming in with methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) until November 7 to the county Department of Health Services. This will allow health officials to track the disease, where it's spreading and how it's spreading, according to Dr. Elizabeth Bancroft, a county epidemiologist.** After November 7, the reporting of the infection will be re-evaluated. **"We know it's already in the general population. We know hospitals are admitting patients with MRSA," Bancroft said.** She didn't say how many cases of children with the infection have been reported so far.

Source: <http://www.dailybulletin.com/Stories/0,1413,203~21481~1442177,00.html>

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## **Government Sector**

22. *June 09, Associated Press* — **Mayors seek more homeland security aid.** A coalition of the nation's mayors asked federal officials on Sunday to bypass state governments and give them the money they need to beef up homeland security. "I'm not asking for a handout, I'm asking for a partnership," Louisville Mayor Jerry Abramson told Undersecretary of Homeland Security Michael D. Brown at the U.S. Conference of Mayors. Brown said the federal government does not want to break up partnerships it has forged over the years with state governments through agencies such as the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which handles natural disasters. **However, he said Congress recently ordered 80 percent of the funding for homeland security projects to go to first responders in cities and counties, and limited to 20 percent the amount state governments can keep.**

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A31951-2003Jun8.html>

23. *June 09, Washington Post* — **Foreign students navigate labyrinth of new laws.** "What we're seeing is a rigorous enforcement of all immigration laws and regulations, even if in the past they would not have been so rigorously enforced," said Terry W. Hartle, senior vice president of the American Council on Education, an organization that represents 1,800 colleges and universities. "There's no such thing as a technical violation anymore; you're either in status or you're violating the law," Hartle said. **U.S. immigration officials say that visitors must comply with all immigration rules, no matter how minor they might seem. "We get criticized every day for not following through," said Bill Strassberger, spokesman for the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement. "We can't have a legitimate immigration system if we allow people to come and just do what they want. It's not fair to those who do comply with the rules."** Strassberger said that visitors from the countries undergoing special scrutiny make up a small portion of those deported — reflecting the relatively small size of their communities in the United States. For example, of the 67,000 people deported in the six months after Oct. 1, 2002, nearly three-quarters were Mexicans.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A32252-2003Jun8.html>

24. *June 06, New York Times* — **As budgets shrink, cities see an impact on criminal justice.** The Portland police budget has been cut by more than 10 percent in the last three years, and the strain is showing. The cycle that is bedeviling Portland is emerging around the country, law enforcement officials say, as cities cut spending on all areas of criminal justice, including policing, prosecutions and prisons. Beyond budget cuts, the war on terrorism is also depleting law enforcement resources. Chief Olson, in Minneapolis, said he had to assign 16 officers to guard the city's waterworks against a terrorism threat, with no federal money as compensation. **But he said he considered himself almost lucky that 15 of his officers were called to active service in the reserves or National Guard during the Iraq war because he did not have to pay those called to military duty, saving money for other officers' jobs.** What is particularly painful, experts say, is that many of the strategies devised in the 1990's to reduce crime are now being abandoned or cut back because of the national economic slump and widespread budget cuts.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2003/06/07/national/07CRIM.html>

25. *June 05, U.S. Department of Homeland Security* — **First broad agency announcement on S&T requirements closing out.** The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Technical Support Working Group (TSWG) released on May 14 a Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) seeking contract proposals to support Homeland Security research and development projects. **This BAA closes out on June 13 – interested contractors should submit their one–page responses by the deadline.** In accordance with the Homeland Security Act, DHS Science and Technology Directorate is responsible for establishing a Technology Clearinghouse to engage the private sector in rapid prototyping of Homeland Security technologies. DHS will partner with TSWG to utilize their existing capabilities to accomplish this goal. **As a result of the partnership, they will receive \$30 million in funding from DHS' Science and Technology Directorate.**

Source: <http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/display?content=917>

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

26. *June 08, Baltimore Sun* — **Making ready for an 'invacuation'.** As large cities across the country prepare elaborate evacuation plans for the multitudes expected to flee in the event of a natural disaster or terrorist attack, Howard County Maryland authorities are preparing for a different scenario: "invacuation." **Residents evacuating from Washington, DC or Baltimore could pose a significant challenge to the county, say authorities, who concede that Howard is an unlikely terrorist target. "A lot of those routes pass right through Howard County, and we need to be prepared," said Richard M. Krieg, chairman of the Community Emergency Response Network, a group that is helping to organize the plan.** The scheme, known as an invacuation plan, has been in the planning stages for several months. Experts say that relatively few communities have such plans.

Source: <http://www.sunspot.net/news/local/howard/bal-ho.plan08jun08.0.7004469.story?coll=bal-local-howard>

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# Information and Telecommunications Sector

27. *June 06, vnunet.com* — **'Hack-proof' cryptography goes quantum. Researchers have developed new technology that could allow companies to implement hack-proof communications in three years.** The technology, based on quantum cryptography, was demonstrated by UK-based Toshiba Research Europe last week working over distances of 100km for the first time. Research laboratory group leader Andrew Shields explained that **the technology will be applicable for large organizations such as banks and government departments needing highly secure links between local sites. Quantum cryptography allows users on an optical network to guarantee security by encoding each transmitted bit with a single particle of light.** Commercial products could be available in less than three years, according to Shields. The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) in London, England, is partially funding further research into the technology by Toshiba, the University of Cambridge and Imperial College, London.

Source: <http://www.vnunet.com/News/1141438>

28. *June 02, New Scientist* — **Net attack overwhelms computers with complexity.** Dan Wallach and Scott Crosby, researchers at Rice University in Houston, TX, have found an Internet attack that can knock a web-connected computer offline using specially crafted packets of data. Many programs perform small calculations – called hash functions – on substantial amounts of data to make it easier to sort through. Tables of hashed information can then be referred to, to check that information has not been corrupted or lost en route. Wallach and Crosby calculated that **some data would force a program to perform the most intensive hash calculations possible. They tested a number of commercial computer programs and found that sending these types of packets could use up nearly all of a computer's processing power, preventing it from carrying out normal tasks.** Wallach and Crosby were able to disrupt target computer program using just a dial-up modem connection. **The only way to defend against the attack is to use more efficient, better designed hashing algorithms.** A paper outlining the attack will be presented in August at the Usenix Security Symposium in Washington D.C.

Source: <http://www.newscientist.com/news/news.jsp?id=ns99993789> New Scientist

## Internet Alert Dashboard

Current Alert Levels	
 AlertCon: 1 out of 4 <a href="https://gtoc.iss.net">https://gtoc.iss.net</a>	 Security Focus ThreatCon: 2 out of 4 <a href="http://analyzer.securityfocus.com/">http://analyzer.securityfocus.com/</a>
Current Virus and Port Attacks	
<b>Virus:</b>	#1 Virus in the United States: <b>WORM_LOVGATE.F</b> Source: <a href="http://wtc.trendmicro.com/wtc/wmap.html">http://wtc.trendmicro.com/wtc/wmap.html</a> , Trend World Micro Virus Tracking Center

	[Infected Computers, North America, Past 24 hours, #1 in United States]
<b>Top 10 Target Ports</b>	137 (netbios-ns), 80 (www), 1434 (ms-sql-m), 445 (microsoft-ds), 6346 (gnutella-svc), 41170 (----), 113 (ident), 139 (netbios-ssn), 4662 (eDonkey2000), 53 (domain) Source: <a href="http://isc.incidents.org/top10.html">http://isc.incidents.org/top10.html</a> ; Internet Storm Center

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## **General Sector**

**29. June 09, Associated Press — Gunmen shoot up police truck in Pakistan, killing 11.** Two gunmen on motorcycles sprayed a truck full of policemen with machine-gun fire on Sunday in this southwestern town near the Afghan border, killing at least 11 and wounding 9, the police said. **The policemen were riding in the back of a pickup truck on their way to a training school when they came under attack on the main thoroughfare, said the senior police superintendent, Rehmatullah Khan Niazi. The gunmen fled, and no arrests have been made.** The killings were the third in just over a week against Shiites in Quetta, capital of southwestern Baluchistan Province.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2003/06/09/international/asia/09STAN.html>

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