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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 11, The Hartford Courant* — Long Island utility says heat could spur blackouts; may want cable activated. Fearing blackouts this summer, the Long Island Power Authority said it may petition the U.S. Energy Department to order activation of an underwater electric transmission cable between Connecticut and Long Island. The authority wants the 330-megawatt Cross Sound Cable activated so it can import power in case there are problems with Long Island power plants during times of heavy demand. **The Cross Sound Cable lies unpowered under Long Island Sound because it is not buried to required depths in seven**

places. Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal said Tuesday he would oppose efforts to electrify the 24-mile cable between New Haven and Brookhaven, Long Island. "Any talk about emergency orders is completely premature and unwarranted and seems to me more designed as a pressure tactic than a legitimate request for aid," he said. **Should "mechanical problems knock 300 megawatts of base-load generation out of commission," during a heat wave, "we'd be close to rolling blackouts," chairman Richard Kessel said in a statement.** "We're not predicting blackouts, but we shouldn't be lulled to sleep," Kessel said in an interview.

Source: http://www.energycentral.com/sections/news/nw_article.cfm?id=3907985

2. *June 11, Austin American-Statesman* — **Natural-gas cost, nuclear-plant shutdown drive up Austin, Texas, utility rates. Austin Energy, which serves nearly 750,000 customers, will raise its rates in three stages over the next six months because of rising natural gas prices and the shutdown of a South Texas nuclear plant.** By January, residential customers will be paying 13 percent to 16 percent more than they are now, and commercial customers will see bills that are 14 percent to 21 percent higher. It's the first time in almost two years that the city-owned utility has raised the fuel charge component of its rates. The utility is playing catch-up on the cost of natural gas, which has almost doubled in the past year, squeezing utilities and customers around the country. **At the same time, the utility has lost one of its cheapest sources of power. The nuclear-powered South Texas Project Electric Generating Station near Bay City is shut down this summer for emergency repairs. Two small cracks were detected in two of the 58 instrumentation tubes inside the reactor vessel at the project, which Austin Energy co-owns.** Austin Energy is spending \$6 million a month to replace that power with more costly natural gas-generated electricity. The South Texas plant is expected to be closed until August.

Source: http://www.energycentral.com/sections/news/nw_article.cfm?id=3907782

3. *June 11, News Sentinel* — **Wakeup urged on U.S. nuke power; South African program should provide an example. South Africa is on the verge of constructing a new type of nuclear power plant, and an Oak Ridge engineer said he hopes it provides a "wake-up call" for the United States.** "The U.S. really needs to get on the ball and produce more power without producing (carbon dioxide) and using up our fossil resources," said Syd Ball, a senior researcher at Oak Ridge National Laboratory. "There are other ways of doing it – solar, wind and hydroelectric – but for big-time production, I really think nuclear is the only way." **Ball said the pebble-bed modular reactor planned near Cape Town, South Africa, will be safe, economical and perhaps most important of all, friendlier to the environment than the dirty coal plants now operated there.** Eskom, a South African utility, announced in mid-May that it was ready to proceed with a demonstration unit for the pebble-bed reactor, which is the next stage in developing the full-production nuclear plant. **Proponents of the helium-cooled reactor say it is inherently safe and adaptable to meet power needs. It will use thousands of coated uranium fuel particles encased in a fuel sphere the size of a racquetball, which moves slowly through the reactor core during operations.** According to Ball, the reactor can lose its coolant and still not cause a so-called meltdown or dangerous situation.

Source: http://www.energycentral.com/sections/news/nw_article.cfm?id=3909112

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Chemical Sector

4. *June 12, Houston Chronicle* — **Heating unit causes fire at Texas chemical plant. A fire at a chemical plant in the Bayport industrial complex in Pasadena on Wednesday night may have released the irritant ethylbenzene into the air but caused no injuries, officials said.** A Pasadena Fire Department official said the blaze apparently started from an ethylbenzene leak near a process heater at the Nova Chemicals Plant in the 12200 block of Port Road near Todville Road, south of the Bayport Ship Channel. **As of 10:30 p.m., Pasadena firefighters continued to fight the blaze, which was being fed by a tank containing ethylbenzene, but they had it under control, Fire Chief J.D. Gardner said.** Ethylbenzene, a colorless, flammable liquid that smells like gasoline, is used to make styrene, used in the production of polystyrene products such as plates and cups. Breathing air containing high levels of ethylbenzene can cause dizziness and throat and eye irritation. Dave Benson, Pasadena city spokesman, said residents of the El Jardin neighborhood were told to shelter in place. **An automated phone system was used to alert area residents and urge them to shelter in place, said Jennifer Shields Hawes, a spokeswoman for Pasadena's Office of Emergency Management.** The chemical leak, if there was one, may pose health problems for days because it "settles on the entire neighborhood, onto grass, houses, everything," she said.

Source: http://www.chron.com/cs/CDA/ssistory.mpl/metropolitan/194869_5

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

5. *June 10, FSI Weekly Spotlight* — **DoD, DHS and data sharing – redefining joint interoperability.** The Department of Defense is developing a multi-agency information-sharing prototype that will provide a seamless, integrated homeland defense capability to facilitate critical infrastructure protection as well as enable consequence management from the federal to the state level. **Known as "Protect America" this will be a web-based information sharing system that will utilize XML for data management. This system will also have a standardized system architecture that will be utilized by all participating government organizations – including the FBI, DoD and DHS.** The Protect America project will initially be operated by NORTHCOM. Once the system is fully operational, it is expected to be transferred to the Department of Homeland Security.

Source: <http://www.fedsources.com/elements/spotlight/spotlight.asp>

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Banking and Finance Sector

Nothing to report.

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Transportation Sector

6. *June 12, New York Times* — **Baggage handler is charged with smuggling handguns.** A baggage handler at Newark Liberty International Airport smuggled at least 18 handguns on flights from Alabama to New Jersey, where he sold them to criminals, the authorities said today. **The man, Antonio Marquette Lewis, 30, an American Airlines employee, was arrested at the airport on Monday and charged with violating federal firearms laws,** said James R. Needles, assistant special agent in charge at the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms in New York. The authorities say that **between June and September 2002, Lewis went to a Selma, AL pawn shop and used an Alabama driver's license with a relative's address to buy at least 12 handguns.** Two other men bought at least 6 guns for Lewis in the same period, Needles said. The smuggling took place months before a federal law went into effect on January 1, 2003, requiring transportation officials to search all bags by hand, Needles said. **Prosecutors say Lewis filed off the guns' serial numbers and resold them to convicted felons and drug dealers who could not ordinarily buy guns in New Jersey.**

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2003/06/12/nyregion/12SMUG.html>

7. *June 12, Washington Post* — **Airport finds that more screeners are questionable. Los Angeles International Airport officials have uncovered 12 more airport screeners with felonies or other criminal backgrounds just weeks after the federal government said it "rescrubbed" the backgrounds of its workforce there.** Several of the 12 screeners working for the Transportation Security Administration had criminal records related to "unlawful, use, sale, distribution or manufacture of an explosive or weapon" and held security badges that provide access to secure areas of the airport for more than 200 days in most cases. The agency fired seven of the screeners and put five on administrative leave, said TSA spokesman Brian Turmail. The TSA said the airport's findings were not indicative of a widespread problem. The agency has acknowledged that it has yet to finish one percent of fingerprint checks on screeners and it needs to complete more thorough checks on 22,000 of its 53,600-screener workforce. **"This shows the value of fingerprint-based background checks," said airport spokesman Paul Haney. "Going forward, we will require our badging office to perform the fingerprint-based background checks prior to issuing an airport badge."**

Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A47259-2003Jun_11.html

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Postal and Shipping Sector

8. *June 12, New York Times* — **U.S. widens checks at foreign ports.** The Bush administration has decided to place teams of American inspectors at major seaports in Muslim nations and other smaller, strategically located foreign ports to prevent terrorists from using cargo containers to smuggle chemical, biological or nuclear weapons into the United States, senior administration officials said. **The inspectors, they said, will be provided with radiation monitors, chemical detectors and other equipment to inspect "high risk" metal cargo containers before they are placed on ships bound for the United States.** The move is the second phase in a government program begun shortly after the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, to station American customs inspectors overseas to work side by side with their foreign counterparts in searching for unconventional weapons. The first phase focused on 20 large container ports in Europe and Asia, none of them in countries with predominantly Muslim populations. **Officials said the Department of Homeland Security planned to place teams of**

inspectors that would remain indefinitely in Dubai, the Persian Gulf emirate that is a crucial transshipment point for containerized cargo in the Arab world; Malaysia; Turkey and other Muslim nations. Al Qaeda is believed to have a sizable presence in both Dubai and Malaysia. Intelligence agencies report that al Qaeda has repeatedly used cargo ships to move conventional weapons and explosives, including the explosives used in the 1998 bombings of two American Embassies in East Africa.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2003/06/12/international/middleeast/12HOME.html?ntemail0>

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Agriculture Sector

9. *June 12, Associated Press* — **Bovine tuberculosis found in two dairy herds. Tuberculosis has been found in two dairy herds in Roosevelt, NM, Cattle Growers Association president Phil Bidegain said. The detection of bovine tuberculosis means the state will be reclassified from its tuberculosis free status under the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) tuberculosis rule developed in 2000.** "While this reclassification will have virtually no impact on consumers of beef and milk in New Mexico or elsewhere, it will have tremendous impact on livestock producers in the state," Bidegain, said. New Mexico is the fourth state to fall under the federal tuberculosis rule. It has already been detected in Michigan, Texas, and California, Bidegain said. **The drop in status will require beef and dairy cattle owners transporting cattle out of New Mexico to test for tuberculosis.** Ranchers would have to give each animal an injection and put them in a chute to read the test three days later. A shortage of large animal veterinarians in the state could also make testing difficult, Bidegain said. **Under the USDA tuberculosis rule, the state must now develop a plan on how it will regain its tuberculosis free status.**

Source: http://www.mlive.com/newsflash/michigan/index.ssf?newsflash/get_story.ssf?cgi-free/getstory_ssf.cgi?g7042_BC_MI--TuberculosisStatumichigan

10. *June 11, Napa News* — **Sonoma receives funding for fowl survey. The federal government is sending Sonoma, CA \$384,000 to find out if Exotic Newcastle disease is infecting backyard flocks. County agriculture officials hope the survey will show the county is free of the disease. That will clear the way for other countries to accept egg and poultry product exports.** "It's a way to assure our trading partners that exotic Newcastle isn't in Sonoma County so they will lift the restrictions they've imposed," agricultural commissioner John Westoby said Monday. Westoby has been working for months with the U.S. Department of Agriculture to develop budget guidelines for the survey.

Source: http://www.napanews.com/templates/index.cfm?template=story_full-4D14-A210-FB4BA3413714

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Food Sector

11.

June 12, BBC News — **Herb wrap wards off food poisoning.** The herb basil is the crucial ingredient in a super wrap being developed to protect food more effectively from contamination by dangerous bugs. **Scientists are using anti-microbial extracts from the herb to create a plastic wrapper for meat and cheese. It is laced with two chemicals extracted from basil: an ether called methyl chavicol and the alcohol linalool. Both contain compounds that attack and destroy cell walls, and have been shown to be active against eight types of bacteria.** The chemicals slowly ooze out from the wrapper and extend the product's shelf-life by killing off bacteria such as E. coli and listeria which can cause severe food poisoning. **Tests have shown the new wrapping can keep bacteria at bay in Cheddar cheese for a week longer than ordinary packaging.**

Source: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/health/2981114.stm>

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Water Sector

12. *June 12, Chicago Sun Times* — **Nation's drinking water quality uneven. Aging pipes and outdated treatment plants threaten the nation's drinking water systems, says an environmental group that reviewed 19 cities.** Treatment plants, many of which use nearly century-old technology, are simply not up to the task of cleaning up contaminants, said Erik Olson, author of the report by the Natural Resources Defense Council. Pipes carrying water often are old, too, in some cities dating back more than a century, he said. There was good news as well as bad. **Overall, drinking water purity has improved slightly in most cities in the past 15 years, the study said. Environmental Protection Agency spokesman John Millett said there are problems in some cities, but most are meeting water quality standards. Millett said the Bush administration has committed \$850 million a year through 2018 for assistance to the nation's drinking water systems.**

Source: <http://www.suntimes.com/output/news/cst-nws-water12.html>

13. *June 12, Water Tech Online* — **Water technology may be solution for fighting biological attacks. Scientists report that tests conducted on a new U.S. water disinfection technology suggest the ability to defeat a contamination of water supplies by biological pathogens, including the anthrax spore.** In the report entitled Pulsed UV Unit May Inactivate Biological Agents, Dr. Egon Weber and Karl Scheib reported the results of their tests conducted on a new water disinfection machine. The machine tested by the scientists utilizes a mechanism for delivery of UV light, known as "pulsed UV," that produces short pulses of UV light of extremely high intensities, up to 6 million watts each pulse that can be repeated up to 30 times per second, as water flows through the machine. **The machine was developed to disinfect up to 1 million gallons per day of ordinary water and wastewater, and was adapted for these tests to simulate flows of approximately 100,000 gallons per day associated with buildings, facilities, or small community water systems. Ultraviolet light breaks the DNA of bacteria, viruses, and other pathogens. This damage to the DNA renders the dangerous pathogens harmless.**

Source: <http://www.watertechonline.com/news.asp?mode=4font>>

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Public Health Sector

14. *June 12, Reuters* — **WHO chief urges SARS vigilance despite decline.** The head of the World Health Organization (WHO) urged continued global vigilance against Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) on Thursday despite signs that the outbreak of the flu-like virus may be tailing off. **"We have to be very effective in our surveillance and our control measures so that we don't get setbacks,"** WHO Director-General Gro Harlem Brundtland told reporters during a European health ministers' conference. She said that cases of SARS were dwindling in many nations, including China which has suffered most, but that there was no vaccine and about 15 percent of those infected were dying. **"We don't know,"** she said when asked if SARS might spread much further or if it might, for instance, flare up again in a few months when the northern hemisphere heads toward winter.

Source: http://story.news.yahoo.com/news?tmpl=story/12/sc_nm/sars_who_chief_dc

15. *June 12, New York Times* — **Vaccinations urged, prairie dogs banned to halt monkeypox.** The federal government recommended smallpox vaccinations Wednesday for all those exposed to monkeypox. **It also banned the sale and distribution of prairie dogs in the U.S. and prohibited the importation of all rodents from Africa.** The actions seek to control the first outbreak of monkeypox in the Americas and to prevent importing it and other diseases endemic elsewhere in the world. Imported rodents are believed to have brought monkeypox to the United States from West and Central Africa. Wednesday, there were 54 cases of monkeypox under investigation in four states. Laboratory tests have confirmed monkeypox in nine of the cases. **Of the 54, Indiana reported 23, Wisconsin 20, Illinois 10, and New Jersey one.** Studies conducted in Africa have shown that smallpox vaccine is about 85 percent effective in preventing monkeypox. The disease centers said the vaccination was most effective during the first four days after exposure to an infected animal and to a lesser extent for as long as two weeks after exposure. **Federal health workers are tracking shipments of potentially infected animals to help prevent the spread of monkeypox and to reduce the chances of the disease's gaining a permanent foothold. Monkeypox can spread from person to person, but is much less communicable than smallpox and diseases like chickenpox and measles.**

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2003/06/12/national/12POX.html>

16. *June 12, Associated Press* — **Fake drug problem spreading.** Fake medication, once a threat mostly in developing countries, now is increasingly turning up in the United States, involving schemes that can net counterfeiters millions. Counterfeit drugs have long been epidemic in other parts of the world. One study found a third of malaria pills sampled in parts of Asia contained no trace of real medication. There's no good data on how often counterfeits sell in the U.S., where pharmaceutical regulation is the world's strictest. **But while the vast majority of U.S. drugs are fine, "there has been an increase,"** said Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Associate Commissioner John Taylor. **Since 1996, the FDA has investigated 71 counterfeit drug cases, resulting in 43 arrests. Most U.S. counterfeiting has been of bulk ingredients shipped from overseas, but two years ago, FDA noticed a trend toward more counterfeit finished brands, including Procrit, Lipitor, Viagra, and the AIDS-related drugs Serostim and Combivir.**

Source: <http://www.bayarea.com/mld/cctimes/news/6070294.htm>

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Government Sector

17. *June 12, Hartford Courant* — **Ashcroft offers security outlook.** More aggressive prevention efforts and better communication between federal, state and local law enforcement agencies is helping the nation win the war on terrorism, U.S. Attorney General John D. Ashcroft said Wednesday. Saying it is "more urgent than ever" for the country to continue its aggressive efforts at disabling terrorists, the nation's attorney general reiterated his stand that efforts must focus on prevention, not prosecution, and that law enforcement agencies must work together to make that happen. "Our efforts so far were only made possible by the seamless cooperation of law enforcement officials," said Ashcroft. **His stop in Connecticut is part of a cross-country field trip he is making to meet with state task forces to discuss anti-terrorist efforts. Among those who met with him in an hour-long, private session were Gov. John G. Rowland and Vincent DeRosa, Connecticut's homeland security director.**

Source: <http://www.ctnow.com/news/local/hc-ashcroft0612.artjun12.0.174893.story?coll=hc-headlines-local>

18. *June 12, Reuters* — **U.S. House panel clears homeland security funding.** A House subcommittee Thursday approved a \$29.4 billion bill to fund the new U.S. Department of Homeland Security next year. The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Homeland Security — itself recently constituted to oversee the new agency's funding — cleared the measure by a voice vote after a closed meeting. **The bill, one of 13 Congress must pass each year to fund the federal government, would boost homeland security funding in the coming fiscal year, which begins on Oct. 1, by around \$1 billion more than the White House had requested.** Much of the extra money, around \$890 million, will go to firefighters and other so-called first responders. Transportation security efforts will also get more funding.

Source: <http://www.forbes.com/work/newswire/2003/06/12/rtr998384.htm1>

19. *June 11, Bureau of Immigration & Customs Enforcement* — **Five of Ice's "most wanted" criminal aliens captured in less than a month.** Five criminal aliens on the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) Most Wanted Criminal Aliens List have been arrested in less than a month since the Most Wanted list was unveiled. These captured criminal aliens have previous convictions that include murder, lewd and lascivious acts upon a juvenile, theft and firearm violations. **ICE's Most Wanted Criminal Aliens List posted on the ICE website at <http://www.bice.immigration.gov> enables the public to see photographs of those wanted.** The toll free tip line, 1-800-BE ALERT (1-800-232-5378), is staffed seven days a week, 24 hours per day.

Source: <http://www.bice.immigration.gov/graphics/press/mwu061103.htm>

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Emergency Services Sector

20.

June 12, Federal Emergency Management Agency — **Homeland Security Announces First \$13.3 Million of more than \$750 million in grants to fire departments.** Michael D. Brown, Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Emergency Preparedness and Response, announced on Thursday the first 219 grants of what will ultimately total approximately 7,000 grants worth \$750 million in direct assistance to firefighters from the 2003 Assistance to Firefighter Grant program. **The first round of grants totaled \$13.3 million to help local fire departments purchase firefighting equipment, fund firefighter health and safety programs, enhance emergency medical services programs, and conduct fire prevention and safety programs.** Source: http://www.fema.gov/nwz03/nwz03_133.shtm

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Information and Telecommunications Sector

21. *June 13, The Register* — **European Commission reviews infosecurity regime. A set of recommendations for better information security standards in Europe will be debated at an open meeting to be held today in Brussels.** The recommendations have been produced by the Network and Information Security (NIS) Focus Group which includes technical experts appointed by the two European standards organizations CEN (European Committee for Standardization) and ETSI (European Telecommunications Standards Institute). **The group's principal goal was to evaluate existing security standards, and to identify possible gaps in the standards spectrum.** Created in July 2002, the group has now completed its final draft report which has been available for public comment since mid-May. Today's meeting will debate the report plus comments received and provide a basis for a consensus on the report and its recommendations. Erkki Liikanen, European Commissioner responsible for Enterprise and Information Society, said: **"The growth of e-business in Europe and world-wide will be encouraged by the availability of a secure infrastructure."** The report is available at the European Standards Web site: <http://www.europe-standards.org/Docs/E-Security.pdf>
Source: <http://theregister.co.uk/content/55/31159.html>

22. *June 13, General Accounting Office* — **Geographic Information Systems: Challenges to Effective Data Sharing.** The General Accounting Office (GAO) published report GAO-03-874T on June 10 titled "Geographic Information Systems: Challenges to Effective Data Sharing." **Geographic information systems (GIS) manipulate, analyze, and graphically present an array of information associated with geographic locations, and have been invaluable to all levels of government.** Their usefulness in disaster response was recently demonstrated during the Space Shuttle Columbia recovery effort. GIS provided precise maps and search grids to guide crews to the debris that was strewn across 41 counties in Texas and Louisiana. The federal government has long been attempting to develop an integrated nationwide GIS network. **The information available through such a network could significantly enhance decision-making in myriad public-service areas, including emergency response, national security, law enforcement, health care, and the environment.**
Source: <http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d03874t.pdf>

23. *June 12, The Register* — **Al-Jazeera hacker charged.** Web designer John William Racine, of Norco, CA, has been charged with breaking into DNS servers and rerouting surfers

visiting the Web site of Al-Jazeera to a "Let Freedom Ring" patriotic Web site he created. Racine is also accused of intercepting 300 emails sent to the Arab satellite TV network between March 25 and 27. The 24 year-old is out on bail pending a Monday court appearance when he will face charges of unlawful interception of an electronic communication and wire fraud. Prosecutors allege that Racine obtained a password for Al-Jazeera's Web site by posing as a representative of the station in forged requests faxed to Network Solutions, who handed over the vital information without verifying his identity.

Source: <http://theregister.co.uk/content/55/31161.html>

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.G 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	137 (netbios-ns), 80 (www), 6346 (gnutella-svc), 1434 (ms-sql-m), 445 (microsoft-ds), 113 (ident), 139 (netbios-ssn), 25 (smtp), 4662 (eDonkey2000), 0 (---) Source: http://isc.incidents.org/top10.html ; Internet Storm Center

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General Sector

24. *June 12, Reuters* — **Hamas warns foreigners to leave Israel. The Palestinian militant group Hamas vowed on Thursday to carry out further attacks inside Israel following a bus bombing in Jerusalem and warned all foreigners to leave the Jewish state for their own safety.** Hamas had claimed responsibility for the bombing near the city's largest open-air market on Wednesday that killed 16 people, saying it was to avenge an Israeli assassination attempt against one of the Islamic faction's leaders. **"The Jerusalem attack is the beginning of a new series of revenge attacks...in which we will target every Zionist occupying our land," Hamas said in a statement faxed to Reuters.** "We call on international citizens to leave the Zionist entity immediately to preserve their lives."
 Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/reuters/news/news-mideast-hamas.html>

25. *June 12, Associated Press* — **Terror suspect admits targeting U.S. An alleged terrorism chief said his al Qaeda-linked organization planned to attack a U.S. naval base in Singapore.** Mas Selamat Kastari, who was arrested in Indonesia in February, made the

admission while giving testimony Wednesday at the treason trial of the alleged spiritual head of the Jemaah Islamiyah militant group, Abu Bakar Bashir. **Jemaah Islamiyah is blamed for the Oct. 12, 2002 bombings on the resort island of Bali that killed 202 people, mostly Western tourists. Kastari is suspected of heading the Singaporean group of Jemaah Islamiyah, which has links to al Qaeda.** "When I was in Singapore, there was a plan to destroy the U.S. base in Singapore," he said. Kastari did not say when the plan was hatched, but Singapore officials said the group's operatives targeted U.S. ships and other Western targets in the city-state in 2001.

Source: http://www.usatoday.com/news/world/2003-06-12-singapore-plot_x.htm

26. June 11, Los Angeles Times — Eleven nations to discuss blocking shipments of weapons materials. Officials from the United States and 10 other countries met in Madrid Wednesday to discuss how they can use or change international law to prevent shipments of weapons of mass destruction or their delivery systems. The meeting explored ways to stop such countries as Iran and North Korea from importing or exporting nuclear materiel, ballistic missiles or other such weapons technologies. **Mid-level officials from the U.S., Britain, Italy, Japan, Australia, France, Germany, Poland, Portugal, the Netherlands and host Spain attended the seven-hour meeting, according to Ramon Santos, political counselor at the Spanish Embassy in Washington.** The U.S. hopes that the meeting will improve intelligence-sharing to intercept weapons and nuclear materiel, a State Department official said.

Source: <http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/world/la-fg-norkor12jun12.1.2008965.story?coll=la-headlines-world>

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