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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. *October 01, The Courier–Journal (KY)* — About 5,500 Kentucky customers lose power. About 5,500 customers in Elizabethtown, Radcliff and Vine Grove, KY, lost power for several hours on Tuesday, September 30, after a span of transmission lines burned off their poles. The outage began about 6:30 p.m. Power was restored to most customers by 8 p.m., said LG&E Energy spokesperson Sheryl Williams. The rest had power by about 10:15

p.m., she said. Although the presence of sparks near a transformer can cause such problems, **Williams did not know what led to the downing of the lines.**

Source: <http://www.courier-journal.com/localnews/2003/10/01ky/met-5-power1001-1620.html>

- 2. October 01, Agence France-Presse* — **Russian official charged with trying to sell nuclear waste.** Russian prosecutors on Wednesday charged a senior official with trying to peddle nuclear waste that he collected from the Northern Fleet stationed in Murmansk. **Alexander Tyulyakov, 52, deputy director of state-owned Atomflot that carries out repair work on Russian nuclear-powered ice-breakers based in Murmansk, tried to sell the radioactive substance in August, officials said.** A regional police spokesperson said that **Tyulyakov was in possession of some 1.1 kilograms (2.4 pounds) of radioactive uranium and radium waste, material that could theoretically be used to build a so-called "dirty bomb."** Tyulyakov was arrested after trying to sell the material to Federal Security Service (FSB, formerly KGB) agents who were posing as a criminal gang.
Source: <http://www.spacewar.com/2003/031001135424.879bugdm.html>

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Chemical Sector

Nothing to report.

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

- 3. October 01, Associated Press* — **Pentagon plans huge 'homeland defense' dirigible.** The Pentagon has awarded a private contractor \$40 million to develop a high-flying, remote-controlled blimp that would monitor U.S. borders and scan the horizon for enemy missiles. The idea is to supplement radar and satellites. The helium-filled dirigibles — about 25 times larger than those seen at sporting events — could also be used to monitor combat zones overseas. They would patrol at 65,000 feet (19,500 meters), or more than 11 miles (28 kilometers) up, and be powered by the sun. "It's another mix in the multilayered defense sensors," Christopher Taylor, a spokesperson for the Pentagon's Missile Defense Agency, said Tuesday, September 30. The goal is to have a prototype ready to fly in 2006. **Blimps can peer down into valleys missed by surface radar and, unlike satellites, their surveillance isn't limited by the earth's rotation. They can be aloft for months at a time and, unlike satellites, can land for equipment changes or maintenance.**
Source: http://biz.yahoo.com/ap/030930/na_fin_us_surveillance_blimp_2.html
- 4. September 30, Federal Computer Week* — **Guard, Reserves to combine networks.** The U.S. Army's goal to establish a single, servicewide computer network gained momentum this week as the National Guard and the Reserves decided to merge their networks, the Army's chief information officer/G-6 announced Tuesday, September 30. **The memorandum of agreement between the Guard and Reserves will let the Army manage the two organization's sites – 3,300 for GuardNet and 940 for ARNet – as one enterprise,** said Lt. General Steve Boutelle,

speaking at the 2003 Army Directors of Information Management Conference, cosponsored by CIO/G-6 office and the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association. **The accord not only paves the way for an Army virtual network but also achieves a service and CIO objective to make people and equipment more relevant in warfighting,** Boutelle said.

Source: <http://www.fcw.com/fcw/articles/2003/0929/web-army-09-30-03.asp>

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Banking and Finance Sector

5. *October 01, Government Computer Week* — **FBI probes bogus bureau site used in scam.** The FBI launched an investigation of a website on Tuesday, September 30, since removed from the Internet, which masqueraded as a federal bureau site and sought to lure consumers to submit private financial information in a fraud technique known as "phishing." The site displayed the FBI seal and U.S. flag, as well as the layout of the FBI site, surrounding text that referred to the "ministry of protection of the confidential information," which purportedly was investigating a credit card swindle. The site urged users to enter their debit or credit card numbers and PINs, as well as their approximate account balances. An e-mail appearing to be from the FBI drove Internet users to the FBI's site and then redirected them to the bogus site. FBI spokesperson Paul Bresson said, "We are investigating it. It falls right in line with other phishing schemes—many of them direct you to what appear to be commercial sites. This is the first time the FBI site has been used as a lure." Bresson said the FBI had been "able to narrow down where it might be coming from" but that additional investigative work was necessary.

Source: http://www.gcn.com/vol1_no1/daily-updates/23736-1.html

6. *October 01, Government Accounting Office* — **Testimony—GAO-04-133T: Security: Counterfeit Identification Raises Homeland Security Concerns.** In a testimony, Ronald D. Malfi, Director, Office of Special Investigations, Government Accounting Office (GAO), stated that counterfeit identification is easily produced and used to create fraudulent identities. **Tests the GAO performed over the past three years demonstrated that counterfeit identification documents can be used to enter the United States, purchase firearms, gain access to government buildings and other facilities, obtain genuine identification for both fictitious and stolen identities, and obtain social security numbers for fictitious identities.** In conducting these tests, GAO created false identities and counterfeit identification documents, such as driver's licenses, birth certificates, and social security cards. **GAO did this using inexpensive computer software and hardware that are readily available to any purchaser.** GAO's work shows how security vulnerabilities are currently exploited.

Source: <http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d04133t.pdf>

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Transportation Sector

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October 01, Bloomberg News — Airlines raising fares by up to \$10. U.S. carriers plan to increase fares as much as \$10 after a four-month U.S. tax break that helped carriers cut losses from the Iraq war expired yesterday. "They're saying, 'We're going to up the fare 10 bucks,'" said Tom Parsons, chief executive of Bestfares.com, a Web site that tracks ticket costs. The Air Transport Association, the Washington trade group for large U.S. carriers, had sought a waiver in March, saying airlines that had lost more than \$21 billion since the attacks might lose \$4 billion because the war reduced travel. **If one or more carriers decide not to add the fee on top of current fares, the effort to raise ticket costs might fail, Baker said. "It only takes a single airline to decide for the industry if paid fares should remain unchanged," he said. Congress is counting on the two fees to cover more than half the \$3.7 billion the government plans to spend on airline security in the fiscal year that begins today.** If fee collections fall short, general tax revenue will make up the difference. Carriers are lobbying for permanent repeal of the security fees.

Source: <http://www.sunspot.net/business/investing/bal-bz.airtax01oct01.0.5976720.story?coll=bal-business-headlines>

8. *October 01, The Day, (New London, CT)* — Amtrak chief says more aid needed. Amtrak President David L. Gunn said Tuesday that a national passenger rail service “can actually work” in the United States but that the struggling railroad would need continuous government subsidies to survive. Gunn, who took over leadership of Amtrak in 2002, said the passenger railroad has increased its ridership during his tenure. Gunn, who helped turn around New York City's subway system in the late 1980s, noted that Amtrak had cut 2,500 jobs over the past 18 months and has set passenger records for the months of May, June and July. But Gunn said cost cutting and improved efficiency could “only take the company so far” and that Amtrak would need permanent aid from the government to stay afloat. **“There's no getting around the fact that we need subsidies,”** he said. Congress created Amtrak in 1971 as a for-profit federal corporation. However, the company — which services 500 communities in 46 states along its 22,000 miles of track — has never made money and relies on annual federal subsidies. **Gunn said that the revenue generated from ticket sales could never cover costs of maintaining the railroad's infrastructure. He noted that all other forms of U.S. transportation, including highways and airports, were subsidized by the federal government.**

Source: <http://www.theday.com/eng/web/newstand/re.aspx?reIDx=59575E4A-7085-4C67-A8B2-958BDB50C468>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

9. *October 01, The Herald Bulletin (Anderson, IN)* — Post offices turn to retail products for revenue. In a recent letter to *The Herald Bulletin*, American Postal Workers Union Steward Charles Black said, "At your post office window, service has been replaced with teddy bear sales and phone calling card offers." Postal employees say that there are no specific repercussions if they do not offer the extras, but "mystery shoppers" who evaluate customer service include whether or not an employee offers these items on clerk performance evaluations. **The postal service is offering calling cards, art prints in frames, magnets, state coat pins and Beanie-type bears. Retail sales are one way the postal service can increase**

revenue as it competes with the private sector. In 2002, mail volume declined 2.2 percent, the greatest decline since 1946 and the largest in history. The growing popularity of electronic communication, the September 11 attacks, a soft economy and a shift toward automated mailings are blamed for the decline, according to the 2002 Comprehensive Statement on Postal Operations. **The USPS is not the only player in the delivery market anymore, and the government entity has had to change strategy to compete with private sector companies** such as FedEx — which isn't just a competitor, but one of the private air carriers contracted by the postal service to haul the bulk of the country's correspondence.

Source: [http://www.theheraldbulletin.com/cgi-bin/LiveIQue.acgi\\$rec=1_3598?hb_story](http://www.theheraldbulletin.com/cgi-bin/LiveIQue.acgi$rec=1_3598?hb_story)

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Agriculture Sector

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Food Sector

10. *October 01, Food Production Daily* — EU cracks down on salmonella. European Commissioner David Byrne welcomed the European Union (EU) Agriculture Council's decision this week on new rules to cut the incidence of foodborne diseases. In Europe, as elsewhere, **zoonoses such as salmonella, campylobacter, listeria and toxin producing E. coli, lead to numerous sick days, needless deaths and large public health costs every year. The annual costs of foodborne salmonella alone, that affects 160 000 people each year, are estimated to hit \$3.2 billion.** The first law is a Directive on monitoring zoonotic agents, aiming to improve knowledge of the sources and trends of these pathogens, to support microbiological risk assessments and to serve as a basis to adopt measures to manage risks. The second law is a regulation to reduce the occurrence of zoonotic agents, prioritizing salmonella. It will apply to a major source of contamination at primary production and includes a procedure to set targets for zoonotic agents other than salmonella. **In order to achieve the reduction targets, Member States will need to adopt national control programs and encourage the private sector to collaborate.** For trade between Member States and with third countries, certification of salmonella status will be made obligatory according to the specified time schedule.

Source: <http://www.foodproductiondaily.com/news/news.asp?id=3544>

11. *October 01, Newhouse News Service* — FDA plans new rules to allow more health claims on food labels. Under pressure from the food industry, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is expanding the number and scope of allowed health claims on food labels. But nutritionists, grocers, consumer watch groups and the FDA don't agree on how the new rules will work, raising concerns that consumers will end up confused. **Health claims, which link foods to specific health benefits, are separate from the "Nutrition Facts" boxes on the sides or backs of food packages. The new rules will permit "qualified health claims" — essentially nutrition claims based on areas of scientific study where the results are not conclusive.** The FDA was forced to devise new health claim rules after losing a legal battle

with the food and dietary supplement industries. The industries successfully asserted that the agency's old rules for judging health claims violated their right to free speech. The first of these claims probably will appear on food labels next spring.

Source: http://seattletimes.nwsources.com/html/healthscience/20017537_05_healthclaims01.html

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Water Sector

12. *October 01, The Western Herald (Michigan)* — **Experts to explore threats to ground water in conference.** Threats of the contamination and misuse of ground water, one of the most important natural resources, will be the focus of a three-day gathering beginning today at Western Michigan University (WMU). **Experts from 13 states as far away as North Dakota, Nebraska and Kansas will converge on the Fetzer Center through Friday to share ideas and discuss ground water problems at the 48th annual Midwest Ground Water Conference.** Alan Kehew, professor of geosciences at WMU and the conference director, said the location of the conference rotates to one of the 13 states each year. One of the highlights of the conference include today's field trip to Kalamazoo's central well field located downtown. The field's on-site treatment facility can treat up to 9.8 million gallons of water per day, according to the event pamphlet. "It has a very unusual treatment system that treats the water for volatile compounds and contaminants," Kehew said. Kehew said that agriculture has a big effect on ground water. **"There's a session on agricultural impacts on water, because in agriculture you add things like nitrogen to the soil and that can move through the soil and contaminate aquifers," Kehew said.** Pesticides and herbicides can be contaminants that make it into the ground water and must be filtered before being consumed.

Source: <http://www.westernherald.com/vnews/display.v/ART/2003/10/01/3f7a462590754>

13. *September 30, Associated Press* — **Warner: state should reassess power, water plans after Isabel.** When the cleanup and restoration from Hurricane Isabel subsides, Virginia should examine how to make power and water distribution less vulnerable to powerful storms, Gov. Mark R. Warner said Tuesday. Warner said that the State Corporation Commission and other regulators would probably review several aspects of the storm response. Among them, he said, are how to better ensure uninterrupted power to water processing plants. **The importance of safeguarding the water supply had actually been raised before the storm as a comprehensive review of homeland security for vital interests after the terrorist attacks on New York and the Pentagon two years ago, Warner said. After Isabel, hundreds of thousands of Virginians either lost water altogether or were under orders for several days to boil it because of contamination after water processing plants and distribution stations were idled.**

Source: <http://www.dailypress.com/news/local/virginia/dp-va--warner-isabel0930sep30.0.5742061.story?coll=dp-headlines-virginia>

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Public Health Sector

14. *October 01, Reuters* — **Gene difference may explain SARS epidemic.** A genetic susceptibility may explain why severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) raged last year in southeast Asia and nowhere else in the world outside of Toronto, Taiwanese researchers reported this week. **They found a certain variant in an immune system gene called human leukocyte antigen, or HLA, made patients in Taiwan much more likely to develop life-threatening symptoms of SARS. The gene variant is common in people of southern Chinese descent.** The researchers found that patients with severe cases of SARS were likely to have a version of the HLA gene called HLA-B 4601. They noted that no indigenous Taiwanese, who make up about 1.5 percent of the population, ever developed SARS. HLA-B 4601 is not seen among indigenous Taiwanese, they noted. "Interestingly, (HLA-B 4601) is also seldom seen in European populations," they added. Their finding, published in an online journal, BMC Medical Genetics, must be confirmed by independent researchers. However, the Taiwanese team said the genetics could explain the puzzling distribution of SARS last year. Source: http://abcnews.go.com/wire/US/reuters20031001_170.html
15. *October 01, New York Times* — **Health agency taking steps to speed results of research.** A new vision for biomedical research was announced on Tuesday, September 30, that would give patients swifter access to the fruits of scientific discovery and foster greater collaboration between the government and private industry. Dr. Elias A. Zerhouni, director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), said the new initiatives would "transform the way we conduct research" by setting priorities and coordinating the work of an agency known for its highly decentralized management style. **While the NIH conducts some research at its headquarters in Bethesda, MD, most of its money is given away in grants to 212,000 researchers at 2,800 universities, medical schools and other institutions. Dr. Zerhouni laid out a master plan so that rather than passively accepting the priorities of these scientists, the agency will now emphasize specific fields of study and new technology that might produce major breakthroughs.** Under the plan, the institutes could be more involved in the earliest stages of drug development, before drugs are tested in people. In addition, Dr. Zerhouni said, the institutes will provide training in clinical research to community doctors, who can help test treatments and disseminate the findings of biomedical research. Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2003/10/01/health/01HEAL.html>
16. *September 30, New York Times* — **On guard against SARS, inside the laboratory and out.** In their vigil for a possible return of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS), health officials have focused mainly on finding where the virus hides in nature. But the case of SARS in a 27-year-old doctoral student in Singapore has shown an equally important risk: escape of the virus from a laboratory. **Last week, a World Health Organization committee that investigated the case concluded that the student most likely became infected in August through contamination in a laboratory where he worked on West Nile virus. The findings underscore that a laboratory can be a hazardous place for workers and potentially for the public unless the staff members are disciplined and trained to prevent accidental infection.** As many governments have increased spending to counter the threat of emerging diseases and bioterrorism, many laboratories have hired more people. However, some of them may have insufficient training in dealing with such agents. Biosafety experts say many laboratory workers must change their attitudes toward safety. **Some workers do not practice what they were taught in biosafety courses.** For some scientists, the experts say, doing the research is more important than doing the research safely.

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Government Sector

17. *October 01, National Journal's Technology Daily* — **First Homeland Security budget signed. President Bush on Wednesday signed the first–ever appropriations bill for the Homeland Security Department after criticism that it shortchanges states, localities and industry.** The appropriation for fiscal 2004 is \$29.4 billion and includes various technology–related provisions. The total is \$535.8 million, or 1.8 percent, more than enacted for the same purposes in fiscal 2003, which ended Tuesday. It also is \$1 billion, or 3.7 percent, more than Bush sought. **"We're doing a lot here," Bush said. "This is a major step forward in our ongoing effort" to secure the domestic United States.** In the final bill, the House deferred to the lower Senate number on information technology investments, providing \$185 million instead of \$206 million. The total includes \$72.5 million for IT services, \$31 million for security activities and \$100 million for wireless programs.

Source: <http://www.govexec.com/dailyfed/1003/100103td1.htm>

18. *September 29, Department of Homeland Security* — **Departments of State, Homeland Security reach agreement on visa oversight rule to better secure America's borders. Secretary of Homeland Security Tom Ridge and Secretary of State Colin Powell have signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU), signaling their commitment to work cooperatively to create and maintain an effective, efficient visa process that safeguards the United States.** The document describes the respective roles and responsibilities of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Department of State (DOS) in order to secure America's borders from external threats while ensuring that these borders remain open to legitimate travel and commerce. This change was called for in section 428 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002, and will take effect with the publication of the MOU in the Federal Register. The document was developed through a cooperative interagency process, and ensures that a cooperative and consultative process is in place for visa adjudication and issuance. **Under this agreement, the State Department will continue to manage the visa process and the foreign policy of the United States. DHS will establish and review visa policy, and ensure that homeland security requirements are fully reflected in the visa process.**

Source: <http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/>

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Emergency Services Sector

19. *October 01, Government Technology* — **Rehoboth Beach to receive funds for emergency radio system upgrades.** Delaware Gov. Ruth Ann Minner said Thursday that Rehoboth Beach will receive \$2.4 million in federal money to upgrade its 800–megahertz emergency radio system. **The funding will come in a grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security under a program that asked states to recommend municipalities for funding to improve interoperable communications.** Rehoboth Beach was assisted in its grant application by the

Delaware Department of Safety and Homeland Security, which will serve as project manager and technical adviser on the upgrade. "The efforts to improve our state's emergency radios are ongoing and we are pleased that Rehoboth Beach has been successful in obtaining this grant," Minner said. "Rehoboth's geography and buildings have posed some challenge for radio coverage and this should improve the situation there." **The grant will allow the purchase and installation of a "simulcast" site for Rehoboth Beach that will receive signals from the new 800–megahertz antenna on Route 1 and broadcast them through the city. It also will provide new radio equipment for the city's dispatch center and new radios for emergency workers.**

Source: <http://www.govtech.net/news/news.php?id=2003.10.01-70491>

20. *October 01, Aberdeen News, (Aberdeen, SD)* — **Group to help with emergency response.** In South Dakota, a volunteer team being organized to help Brown County be better prepared for emergencies has the blessing of county commissioners. **Emergency Management Director Freddie Robinson is helping to create a Community Emergency Response Team, or CERT. Members would receive training in helping sick people, tornado victims, those injured in traffic accidents and more. They may even help should there be an incident involving a weapon of mass destruction.** Essentially, CERT members would help out at the scene of accidents and other incidents, at least until law enforcement, ambulance or fire units arrived. **The CERT received a grant of about \$500 to get started earlier this year. Just recently, the county received a grant of \$10,000 to train and equip the team.** Robinson said the first step is forming a Citizen Corps team. That would be a group such as a Neighborhood Watch, reserve police unit or a community policing group that would align with Citizen Corps, a national organization. Gordon Vanauken, who works with the state association of county commissioners, is also helping with the CERT. **He said it will be beneficial because 95 percent of the time, the first people to arrive at the scene of a natural disaster, accident or similar event are not professional responders.**

Source: <http://www.aberdeennews.com/mld/aberdeennews/news/6904958.htm>

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Information and Telecommunications Sector

21. *October 01, Federal Computer Week* — **Federal government gives \$44 million for rural broadband.** The Agriculture Department last week announced nearly \$44 million in grants to develop broadband Internet access, telemedicine services and distance–learning opportunities in rural areas. **About \$23.5 million will go to 57 distance–education projects, \$11.3 million will help 34 communities nationwide get high–speed Internet access, and \$8.9 million will fund 27 telemedicine projects.** The education projects will enable 556 schools to provide students with better tools. About 190 medical service facilities will improve their services for residents. "Information technology is critical to rural Americans," said Thomas Dorr, Agriculture's undersecretary for rural development, in a press release. Under the broadband awards, **communities in 20 states were selected based on their lack of high–speed access for police and fire services, hospitals, libraries, and schools.**

Source: <http://www.fcw.com/geb/articles/2003/0929/web-agri1-10-01-03.asp>

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September 30, eWEEK — **Pair of flaws found in OpenSSL.** A pair of vulnerabilities in the OpenSSL software package are both related to the way the package interacts with ASN.1 (Abstract Syntax Notation One), a low-level language used to describe abstract syntax. **One flaw concerns the way that OpenSSL "deallocates" memory that is used to store ASN.1 structures.** The vulnerability can be used to cause a denial of service condition in vulnerable systems, according to an advisory published Tuesday, September 30, by the CERT Coordination Center. This flaw may be exploited to run code on vulnerable machines as well, under certain circumstances. **The second weakness is related to the way that ASN.1 tags are handled by OpenSSL.** An unusual tag value could produce a denial of service in affected machines. All versions of OpenSSL prior to 0.9.7c or 0.9.7k are vulnerable to these issues, as are all versions of SSLeay. **The OpenSSL Project has produced a new version of the toolkit which addresses these flaws.**

Source: <http://www.eweek.com/article2/0.4149.1305344.00.asp>

Internet Alert Dashboard

Current Alert Levels	
 AlertCon: 1 out of 4 https://gtoc.iss.net	 Security Focus ThreatCon: 2 out of 4 http://analyzer.securityfocus.com/
Current Virus and Port Attacks	
Virus:	#1 Virus in the United States: WORM_SWEN.A 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	135 (epmap), 137 (netbios-ns), 445 (microsoft-ds), 1434 (ms-sql-m), 80 (www), 1433 (ms-sql-s), 4662 (eDonkey2000), 139 (netbios-ssn), 25 (smtp), 2234 (directplay) Source: http://isc.incidents.org/top10.html ; Internet Storm Center

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General Sector

23. October 02, The Australian — **Thailand admits it can't find missiles.** Thailand's attempts to reassure world leaders the country will be safe from terror attacks during this month's Asian Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) meeting have been dashed by reports that police have spent weeks looking for six contraband shoulder-fired missiles. **Deputy Prime Minister Chavalit Yongchaiyudh said intelligence officials had been "hunting them" for some time. The missiles were reported to have been smuggled into Thailand from Cambodia, where weapons trafficking is booming, about the time regional Jemaah Islamiah leader Hambali was arrested in Ayutthaya, north of Bangkok, in August.** Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra – who dismissed the report as "a rumour" and said world leaders had nothing to fear

– insisted reports of weapons smuggling from Cambodia were not unusual. **He said there would be enough checkpoints in Bangkok to prevent planes being targeted during the APEC gathering. Thailand has come under intense scrutiny during the past few weeks after Australian terrorism analyst Clive Williams told a parliamentary inquiry that planes taking off from Bangkok airport were vulnerable to missile attack.**

Singapore-based terror experts Andrew Tan and Rohan Gunaratna also agreed that Bangkok airport, where planes flew low over an elevated expressway, was unsafe.

Source: http://www.sundaytimes.news.com.au/common/story_page/0.7034.7435979%5E401.00.html

- 24. October 01, San Francisco Chronicle — Militants say they planted Shaklee bomb.** A militant animal rights group is taking responsibility for an explosion on Friday, September 26, at Shaklee Inc.'s offices in Pleasanton, CA -- warning that next time the bombs will be bigger and more damaging. In an anonymous e-mail sent to fellow activists across the country on Tuesday, September 30, Revolutionary Cells described the explosive used at Shaklee, a company that sells health, beauty and household products, as a 10-pound ammonium nitrate bomb "strapped with nails." The same group has taken responsibility for attacking Chiron Corp.'s office building on August 28 with two pipe bombs filled "with ammonium nitrate slurry with redundant timers." **Revolutionary Cells said it is trying to put Huntingdon Life Sciences, a New Jersey research firm that experiments on animals, out of business by harassing its clients. "All customers and their families are considered legitimate targets,"** the group wrote. **FBI Deputy Director Bruce Gebhardt said the bureau won't tolerate such activities and has made domestic terrorism a top priority.** "We've put a significant amount of resources into investigating these types of crimes and into identifying the people involved," he said.

Source: http://sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2003/10/01/BA25_2071.DTL

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