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## Daily Overview

- NBC4 reports police arrested five men in El Monte, CA, on September 9, after finding materials for making counterfeit cash, forged bills, and blank Visa cards. (See item [5](#))
- The Department of Homeland Security and Microsoft have issued an advisory warning of "Potential For Significant Impact On Internet Operations Due To Vulnerability In Microsoft Operating Systems' Remote Procedure Call Server Service (RPCSS)." (See item [22](#))
- Internet Security Systems has raised AlertCon to Level 2, citing vulnerabilities or threats to computer networks that require vulnerability assessment and corrective action.
- Security Focus has raised ThreatCon to Level 2, citing a need for increased vigilance.

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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. *September 10, Reuters* — **FERC approves new LNG terminal.** Citing growing U.S. demand for natural gas, federal regulators on Wednesday, September 10, gave final approval to Sempra Energy's plan to build the first U.S. liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminal in almost 25 years. **The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission cleared the way for the \$700 million facility in Cameron Parish, LA, about 230 miles west of New Orleans. The Cameron project**

would receive and process 1.5 billion cubic feet (bcf) of natural gas per day from tankers, then transport the vaporized LNG to the natural gas pipeline grid. Sempra hopes to have the terminal operating in early 2007. LNG, a super-cooled and compressed form of natural gas, is used to fuel electricity generating plants. It would take 600 ships carrying natural gas in its conventional form to equal the cargo contained on just one LNG tanker, which makes it practical and economical to import natural gas from overseas.

Source: [http://biz.yahoo.com/rc/030910/utilities\\_ferc\\_lng\\_2.html](http://biz.yahoo.com/rc/030910/utilities_ferc_lng_2.html)

2. *September 09, Government Accounting Office* — **GAO-03-804-Nuclear Security: Federal and State Action Needed to Improve Security of Sealed Radioactive Sources. Sealed radioactive sources, radioactive material encapsulated in stainless steel or other metal, are used worldwide in medicine, industry, and research. These sealed sources could be a threat to national security because terrorists could use them to make "dirty bombs."** GAO was asked to determine (1) the number of sealed sources in the United States, (2) the number of sealed sources lost, stolen, or abandoned, (3) the effectiveness of federal and state controls over sealed sources, and (4) the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and state efforts since September 11, 2001, to strengthen security of sealed sources. GAO recommends that NRC (1) collaborate with states to determine availability of highest risk sealed sources, (2) determine if owners of certain devices should apply for licenses, (3) modify NRC's licensing process so sealed sources cannot be purchased until NRC verifies their intended use, (4) ensure that NRC's evaluation of federal and state programs assess security of sealed sources, and (5) determine how states can participate in implementing additional security measures. NRC stated that some of GAO's recommendations would require statutory changes.

Source: <http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-03-804>

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## **Chemical Sector**

Nothing to report.

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

3. *September 10, Federal Computer Week* — **Joint Forces test friendly IDs. Joint Forces Command will wrap up a two-week demonstration soon of systems used to identify friendly forces in urban combat. The exercise at Fort Benning, GA, which concludes September 14, is designed to evaluate various laser and radio frequency technologies,** said Army Lt. Colonel Michael Fowler, chief of the ground combat division for the joint combat identification evaluation team. "The sole purpose of this technology is to identify friendlies on the battlefield," said Fowler. Using Fort Benning's urban terrain training center, the soldiers and Marines will go through several different scenarios to determine the effectiveness and reliability of the Soldier Integrated Multi-function Laser System. SIMLAS includes infrared lasers on weapons for interrogation – they send out a signal that looks for friendlies – disk-like laser detectors on soldiers for detecting interrogations and a small radio frequency transponder to transmit the reply to the shooter. **When a soldier sees someone in his sights, he can query**

whether that person is a friend or foe. If a positive response is received, shooters hear signals letting them know that they are targeting an ally.

Source: <http://www.fcw.com/fcw/articles/2003/0908/web-friend-09-10-03.asp>

4. *September 10, Ohio State University* — **Researchers develop system to detect biowarfare agents on Navy ships.** An Ohio State University professor is part of a team that developed a new protocol that the U.S. Navy now uses to detect biowarfare (BW) agents, such as anthrax, aboard its ships. **"Until mid-2002, the only equipment to detect biological agents that warships had were the sailors themselves,"** said Michael Boehm, an associate professor of plant pathology at Ohio State and a lieutenant commander in the U.S. Naval Reserve. "The military was ill-prepared to deal with what might happen if a 37-cent letter filled with anthrax or smallpox was opened on a ship at sea." **Boehm and his colleagues at the Biological Defense Research Directorate (BDRD) developed, implemented and trained Navy personnel in how to sample, test and respond to possible biowarfare attacks by agents such as anthrax and smallpox that, this past spring, the Navy adopted as a standard operating procedure for detecting the presence of BW agents.** According to Boehm, the plan can be used anywhere there's a suspected BW incident.

Source: <http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2003/09/030910072633.htm>

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

5. *September 10, NBC4 TV (Los Angeles, CA)* — **Police crack \$5 million counterfeit ring.** Five men were arrested in El Monte, CA, on Tuesday, September 9, after police found materials for making counterfeit cash, forged bills, and blank Visa cards. Neighbors tipped off police through their Reporting District Program that people were coming and going at all hours from a house in the 3800 block of Murfield and could hear an air compressor running all night, said El Monte police Officer Derek Merritt. Acting on that tip, a Special Investigations Team began to investigate, Merritt said. **Detectives went to the home about 9 p.m. and found printing presses used to make fake \$100 bills, a credit card skinner and a credit card marker, Merritt said. They also found about \$10,000 in forged bills, and thousands of blank Visa cards, which the U.S. Secret Service estimated at a value of about \$5 million dollars, Merritt said.**

Source: <http://www.nbc4.tv/news/2468755/detail.html>

6. *September 10, The Oregonian* — **Concerns about identity theft drive new design of Oregon licenses.** The new Oregon licenses will contain two photos of the card's owner, superimposed over an image of the Capitol in Salem. Tougher plastic will make the cards less susceptible to cracking and make it harder to alter birthdates and addresses. The person's digitized signature — written on an electronic pad, rather than on the license itself — will be sealed inside a laminated coating to prevent it from being rewritten. And the word "Oregon," all but invisible to the naked eye, will show up in rainbow colors when bar and club owners verify ages under ultraviolet light. **The changes are meant to combat identity theft and fraud, two of the fastest-growing crimes in Oregon,** said David House, a spokesman for the state Transportation Department's Driver and Motor Vehicle Services Division. The new look is scheduled to debut statewide by January. State DMV officials say even though the typed

information can be altered, the bar code on the back that also contains the data cannot be changed so easily. **Officials say they hope to remain one step ahead of identity thieves, who have figured out how to peel back the licenses' plastic coatings to replace photos and addresses.**

Source: <http://www.oregonlive.com/news/oregonian/index.ssf?/base/news/1063195754298411.xml>

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## **Transportation Sector**

- 7. *September 10, WBAL-TV (Baltimore, MD)* — Police operating checkpoint outside BWI airport.** Maryland Transportation Authority police increased security at Baltimore–Washington International Airport Wednesday, September 10. It's unclear as to whether the security enhancements were planned for the eve of Thursday's anniversary of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. **A checkpoint was established at the airport entrance on Interstate I95 at 6 a.m. Police spokesman Cpl. Greg Prioleau said cars will be searched "until further notice." Officers are using dogs and mirrors to look for hidden explosives and are asking some drivers to allow them to search their trunks.** Prioleau told WBAL–AM 1090 that, so far, despite the traffic delays the searches have caused, people have been generally cooperative. **Police said drivers who don't consent to the searches will not be allowed to enter the airport.**

Source: <http://www.thewbalchannel.com/travelgetaways/2469505/detail.html>

- 8. *September 10, Associated Press* — Portland to require screening for cruise ship passengers.** Portland, OR, is planning to become the first U.S. city to require **airport–level screening of all cruise ship and international ferry passengers. Under a law enacted last year, many U.S. ports and ships must develop security plans by next July and pay for guards, alarms, cameras and metal detectors.** Local ferries such as Portland's Casco Bay Lines are preparing to install cameras on boats and around piers. But Portland Transportation Director Jeffrey Monroe wants to take security a step further. The city has already obtained funding for equipment and hopes to have the screening process in place by spring.

Source: <http://www.wmtw.com/Global/story.asp?S=1436323>

- 9. *September 10, WMUR-TV (Portsmouth, NH)* — Increased security still visible at seacoast.** Two years after **September 11, 2001, security remains high at the New Hampshire seacoast. In the wake of the attacks, fears were raised about terrorists targeting bridges, refineries and other important infrastructure in the area.** "Have things changed? By all means," U.S. Coast Guard Chief William Lindsay said. "Security is a big issue, and we don't want another September 11 happening again." **Extra patrols can now be seen on the water, especially on symbolic holidays and significant dates like September 11. Commercial ships and fuel tanks traveling up and down the river make the Seacoast area a potential target.** There are already more rules governing access now, but more security measures are in the works. "Passenger screening, cargo screening — that type of thing, both for the port facilities and vessels," Coast Guard Lt. Kailie Benson said. **"With our shipping in the channel and major infrastructure, the Sarah Long Bridge, the memorial, the refineries along the river — we're ill–prepared to protect that, and we haven't received any assistance from the**

state," **Leclair said**. Increased security is planned in the area for the second anniversary of the September 11 attacks.

Source: <http://www.thewmurchannel.com/news/2470180/detail.html>

10. *September 10, Government Accounting Office* — **GAO-03-1150T-Aviation Security: Progress Since September 11th and the Challenges Ahead**. Gerald L. Dillingham, director, physical infrastructure, gave this testimony before the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, on September 9. **The Government Accounting Office (GAO) was asked to describe the progress that has been made since September 11 to strengthen aviation security, the potential vulnerabilities that remain, and the longer-term management and organizational challenges to sustaining enhanced aviation security.** Since September 11, 2001, the Transportation Safety Administration (TSA) has made considerable progress in meeting congressional mandates designed to increase aviation security. By the end of 2002, the agency had hired and deployed about 65,000 passenger and baggage screeners, federal air marshals, and others, and it was using explosives detection equipment to screen about 90 percent of all checked baggage. **The GAO noted that although TSA has focused on ensuring that bombs and other threat items are not carried onto planes by passengers or in their luggage, vulnerabilities remain in air cargo, general aviation, and airport perimeter security. Each year, an estimated 12.5 million tons of cargo are transported on all-cargo and passenger planes, yet very little air cargo is screened for explosives.**  
Highlights: <http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d031150thigh.pdf>  
Source: <http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-03-1150T>

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

11. *September 10, DM News* — **USPS expects revenue to stay flat**. U.S. Postal Service (USPS) chief financial officer Richard Strasser told the Board of Governors Tuesday that the agency's forecast for the upcoming fiscal year is calling for flat revenue growth. **Total mail volume is expected to grow only 1.3 percent, in the USPS' 2004 fiscal year, which begins in October, Strasser said. First-Class mail is expected to decline an additional 1.3 billion pieces while Standard mail is expected to grow 4.2 billion pieces.** Strasser made the projections while presenting the USPS 2004 Financial Plan, which received approval from the board. The forecasts were based on a continuing U.S. economic recovery and low inflation. A stronger recovery coupled with aggressive USPS sales efforts could lead to new revenue growth, particularly in First-Class and Priority mail, he said.  
Source: [http://www.dmnews.com/cgi-bin/artprevbot.cgi?article\\_id=2495\\_9](http://www.dmnews.com/cgi-bin/artprevbot.cgi?article_id=2495_9)

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## **Agriculture Sector**

12. *September 10, Reuters* — **Importing Canadian cattle. The United States is months away from reopening its borders to live Canadian cattle because the U.S. Agriculture Department (USDA) is still determining the risk of the animals spreading mad cow**

**disease, a government official said on Wednesday.** The USDA has yet to take the first step in the process, which is publishing a notice in the Federal Register for public comment. The proposed rules were expected soon, but USDA would not elaborate. USDA Chief of Staff Dale Moore told reporters on Monday the department wanted to be sure that Canada had the appropriate safeguards in place before allowing cattle imports. Last month, the USDA issued its first import permits for "low risk" Canadian beef products since a cow in Alberta was found to have the disease on May 20. **Sue Challis, U.S. Customs Service spokesperson, said the United States on Wednesday imported its first shipments of Canadian boxed beef.**

Source: <http://www.alertnet.org/thenews/newsdesk/N102683.htm>

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## **Food Sector**

Nothing to report.

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## **Water Sector**

Nothing to report.

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## **Public Health Sector**

**13. *September 10, Carnegie Mellon University* — Fe–TAML(R) activators. Carnegie Mellon University scientists announced that one of their catalysts called Fe–TAMLR activators has the potential to become a cleanup tool for anthrax contamination.** The Fe–TAML activator used with hydrogen peroxide can substantially decontaminate a cultured, benign simulant of anthrax, they said. This anthrax simulant is used in laboratory tests of agents designed to eliminate its more deadly cousin, which is considered a biological warfare and terrorist threat. Fe–TAMLs, synthetic catalysts made with natural elements, are thought to burn through the outer protein coats of the anthrax simulant spores to kill them, according to Terry Collins, chief researcher on the Fe–TAML project. In their laboratory tests, the team effectively killed 99.999 percent of cultured spores of the anthrax simulant. **Potential military uses of Fe–TAML activators and hydrogen peroxide could extend beyond killing deadly biological agents, said Collins, whose team has found that these catalysts also appear to be effective against some chemical warfare agents. Fe–TAMLs have promise beyond their military use. He expects that TAML technology could be employed broadly to eliminate deadly waterborne scourges such as thosed casued by Cryptosporidia or Giardia.**

Source: [http://www.eurekalert.org/pub\\_releases/2003-09/cmu-fad\\_20829\\_03.php](http://www.eurekalert.org/pub_releases/2003-09/cmu-fad_20829_03.php)

**14. *September 10, New Zealand Herald* — Researcher probably contracted SARS through work.** A 27-year-old researcher confirmed as being Singapore's first Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) case in four months probably caught the disease while working in a laboratory that is investigating the virus. **"The single case is an isolated case. There is no person-to-person transmission. So there is no outbreak ... There is no danger to public**

**health,"** Singapore's Health Minister Balaji Sadasivan said Tuesday. Despite the city–state's confirmation of the disease, the World Health Organization has declined so far to treat the case as confirmed SARS, saying more tests are needed, and says it has no plans to issue warnings against travel to Singapore.

Source: <http://www.nzherald.co.nz/storydisplay.cfm?storyID=3522894&thesubsection=news&thesubsection=world>

15. *September 10, Washington Post* — **Failed safeguards are blamed for Marines' malaria. Most of the more than 200 Marines who spent time ashore in Liberia last month apparently contracted malaria, with about 43 of them ill enough to be hospitalized.** So many Marines became sick in such a short time that Navy physicians for a while doubted the illnesses could all be because of the mosquito–borne infection. Although the malaria diagnosis has been confirmed in only 15 percent of the troops, they and their officers report that nearly all who spent the two weeks ashore reported at least mild symptoms typical of malaria. Navy physicians and epidemiologists investigating the outbreak believe most of the onshore troops may have been infected. "We are extremely, extremely concerned about this," said Capt. Gregory J. Martin, a physician at National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda. **The outbreak occurred even though the troops were taking a drug to prevent the disease, were instructed to use insect repellents, and were wearing uniforms treated with long–acting insecticides. How the Marines became infected despite these measures is uncertain, although failure of the drug to reach adequate concentrations in the troops' bloodstreams is a leading hypothesis.**

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A51637-2003Sep 9.html>

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## **Government Sector**

16. *September 10, Congress Daily* — **Former House speakers urge permanent homeland security panel. A pair of former House speakers Tuesday urgently implored the House Rules Committee to move now and not wait another year to recommend the formation of a new standing committee to oversee the nation's homeland security.** Former Republican Speaker Newt Gingrich, R–GA, and former Democratic Speaker Tom Foley, D–WA, in remarkably similar testimony, strongly urged the Rules panel to immediately adopt, in principle, the notion that a permanent committee on homeland security be set up, and then implored top House leaders to get behind the idea. **Citing the findings of most think tanks and other outside political scholars, Foley said that Homeland Security Department officials, while struggling to forge a coherent organization out of dozens of disparate parts, now are spending far too much time and energy answering summonses from dozens of congressional committees with existing jurisdiction over those parts.**

Source: <http://www.govexec.com/dailyfed/0903/090903cd1.htm>

17. *September 10, Associated Press* — **Bush urges more powers for law enforcement. On the eve of the second anniversary of the September 11 attacks, President Bush is urging that law enforcement authorities get the same powers to investigate and prosecute suspected terrorists as they already have to combat drug–traffickers, embezzlers, mobsters and other criminals.** Bush wants Congress to give law enforcement authorities the same powers to

go after terrorists that they now have with many other suspected criminals, White House press secretary Scott McClellan said. **For example, suspected drug traffickers are presumptively denied bail in some cases but those provisions don't apply to suspected terrorists, the administration argues.** Similarly, the death penalty applies to crimes such as sexual abuse and drug-related offenses, but not to some terrorist crimes.

Source: [http://www.usatoday.com/news/washington/2003-09-10-bush\\_x.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/news/washington/2003-09-10-bush_x.htm)

18. *September 10, KFDX News (Texas)* — **Government steps up readiness for 9/11 anniversary. The government says it probably won't raise the terror alert level before the second anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, but that's not stopping some agencies across the country from taking extra measures. For example, in New York, the Coast Guard has added new safety and security teams to defend the city's water ways. Officials have assigned high-speed patrol boats to guard the Statue of Liberty against suspicious vehicles.** The boats are heavily armed with everything from shotguns to M-60 machine guns. Similar teams are already on duty in Seattle, Los Angeles, Houston, and Virginia.

Source: <http://216.87.159.49/news/default.asp?mode=shownews&id=2821>

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## Emergency Services Sector

19. *September 10, Firehouse.com* — **Baltimore to train on subway.** On September 27–28, 2003, the Baltimore City Fire Department will host a regional training exercise in East Baltimore simulating a domestic terrorist attack on the Baltimore Metro Subway's Johns Hopkins station. **In this simulation, a chemical will be released in the station by means of an explosive device and an aerosolizing device. Approximately 250 victims will be affected and in need of decontamination and treatment.** This exercise will provide a unique opportunity for area fire departments and the United States Marine Corps to work together and utilize their specialized equipment and training as a team. Each department will provide a hazardous material (HazMat) team and equipment. Participants in this exercise will include: Fire Department units from Baltimore City, Baltimore, Anne Arundel, Harford, Howard and Carroll Counties, Annapolis City and the United States Marine Corps' Chemical and Biological Incident Response Force. **The goals of this training exercise are to test the regional departments ability to decontaminate a large group of victims, identify the chemical used, locate and rescue victims trapped in the station, effectively communicate with the other departments and agencies involved, and to integrate various city and county agencies into incident command to bring such an incident to a successful conclusion.**

Source: <http://cms.firehouse.com/content/article/article.jsp?sectionId=46&id=18582>

20. *September 10, Associated Press* — **FDNY reform efforts stunted, some say.** Two years after scores of firefighters perished in the World Trade Center, the New York fire department's efforts to prepare for future terrorist attacks have been hobbled by dwindling resources and political battles, fire officials and others say. **Fire Commissioner Nicholas Scoppetta has made progress in transforming a department that only this week memorialized the last of 343 members killed on September 11, 2001. But the department has fallen short of goals set a year ago to improve its response to future attacks, according to fire officials, union leaders and outside observers.** The city still has only one hazardous materials unit. A system

recommended to assist communications has fallen by the wayside. And the department's ranks have been depleted, with more than 20 percent of firefighters retiring since the attacks – many for health reasons. **In an interview with The Associated Press, Scoppetta said budget constraints forced the department to pick carefully from a series of sweeping reforms outlined in a 105–page report examining the department's sometimes–chaotic response to the attack.** Although new federal funds have helped pay for equipment and training, the department's budget was slashed by \$50 million this year, to \$1.1 billion, as the city struggled to close a multibillion–dollar deficit.

Source: <http://www.dfw.com/mld/dfw/news/nation/6738235.htm>

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## **Information and Telecommunications Sector**

21. *September 11, IDG News Service* — **Study: ISPs should block 'Net attack ports. Internet service providers (ISPs) should block access to communications ports on their customers' computers which are commonly exploited by Internet worms and other malicious programs, according to a report by Johannes Ullrich of the SANS Institute Inc.** Leaving the ports open offers little to customers, while needlessly exposing them to infection and making it more likely that ISPs will be overwhelmed by future virus outbreaks, the report said. Many ISPs already block some or all of the ports named, while others offer customers free personal firewall software to install on their home computers. However, home Internet users often lack the technical knowledge necessary to install and configure a firewall, Ullrich said. The report is available on the SANS Institute Website:

[http://www.sans.org/rr/special/isp\\_blocking.php](http://www.sans.org/rr/special/isp_blocking.php)

Source: [http://www.infoworld.com/article/03/09/08/HNispstudy\\_1.html](http://www.infoworld.com/article/03/09/08/HNispstudy_1.html)

22. *September 10, U.S. Department of Homeland Security* — **Potential For Significant Impact On Internet Operations Due To Vulnerability In Microsoft Operating Systems' Remote Procedure Call Server Service (RPCSS).** The National Cyber Security Division (NCSD) of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) / Information Analysis and Infrastructure Protection (IAIP) Directorate is issuing this advisory in consultation with the Microsoft. **There are three vulnerabilities in the part of Remote Procedure Call (RPC) that deals with RPC messages for the Distributed Component Object Model (DCOM) activation—two that would allow arbitrary code execution, and one that would result in a denial of service.** These particular vulnerabilities affect the DCOM interface within the RPCSS, which listens on RPC enabled ports. An attacker who successfully exploited these vulnerabilities could be able to run code with local system privileges on an affected system, or cause the RPCSS to fail. The attacker could be able to take any action on the system. **DHS is concerned that a properly written exploit could rapidly spread on the Internet as a worm or virus in a fashion similar to the Blaster Worm.** DHS and Microsoft recommend that system administrators install the patch immediately. Additional information is available on the Microsoft Website:

[http://www.microsoft.com/security/security\\_bulletins/ms03-03\\_9.asp](http://www.microsoft.com/security/security_bulletins/ms03-03_9.asp)

Source: <http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/display?theme=70&content=1415>

Current Alert Levels	
 AlertCon: 2 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_SOBIG.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>	135 (epmap), 80 (www), 1434 (ms-sql-m), 137 (netbios-ns), 21 (ftp), 445 (microsoft-ds), 1433 (ms-sql-s), 139 (netbios-ssn), 4444 (CrackDown), 17300 (Kuang2TheVirus) 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

23. *September 10, Associated Press* — **Three killed in Irbil suicide bombing. A suicide car bomber attacked the U.S. intelligence headquarters in the northern Iraqi city of Irbil Tuesday, September 9, killing three Iraqi's.** Among those killed was a 12-year-old boy. Staff Sgt Shane Slaughter, a U.S. military spokesman in Baghdad, said that **six of the 53 people injured were Department of Defense personnel.** He did not say whether they were military or civilian. In another attack, a U.S. soldier died when a homemade bomb exploded close to a military vehicle near Baghdad.  
 Source: <http://www.guardian.co.uk/Iraq/Story/0,2763,1039273,00.html>
24. *September 10, WUSA 9 News (Washington, DC)* — **Tape calls on Iraqis to fight American troops. The Arabic satellite channel Al-Jazeera aired video and audio tapes of al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden and his deputy on Wednesday. The footage, the first video image of bin Laden in nearly two years, was aired on the eve of the second anniversary of the September 11 attacks. The tapes were produced in late April or early May, the broadcaster said.** In the audiotape, a voice said to be that of bin Laden praises the September 11 attacks on the United States two years ago for causing "great damage to the enemy" and mentions five of the hijackers by name. A religious song could be heard in the background of the tape. Another voice on the tape, attributed to bin Laden top aide Ayman al-Zawahri, calls on Iraqi guerrillas to "bury" American troops in Iraq. It appeared to be the first video image of bin Laden since he was shown at a dinner with associates on November 9, 2001, in Afghanistan. That tape was made public a month later.  
 Source: [http://www.wusatv9.com/news/news\\_article.aspx?storyid=22551](http://www.wusatv9.com/news/news_article.aspx?storyid=22551)

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