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NORTH DAKOTA HOMELAND SECURITY ANTI-TERRORISM SUMMARY



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Police say thieves steal \$50,000 in copper wire. Fargo Electric Construction was robbed of \$50,000 worth of copper wiring when criminals broke in February 25. Police are investigating the incident and looking for the assailants. Source:

<http://www.newstimes.com/news/crime/article/Police-say-thieves-steal-50-000-in-copper-wire-4306771.php>

REGIONAL

(Minnesota) New scam targets personal or banking information. Minnesota's Department of Revenue is warning citizens of a scam in which taxpayers receive calls by a group claiming to be Minnesota Revenue representatives. The taxpayer is offered a larger refund if provided with additional personal information. Source:

<http://www.northlandsnewscenter.com/news/local/New-Scam-Targets-Personal-or-Banking-Information-193570741.html>

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Nothing Significant to Report

INTERNATIONAL

State Department Designates Pakistani Terrorist Group. On 26 February, the State Department imposed sanctions on a Pakistan-based terrorist group that supports al-Qa'ida and the Taliban. The Commander Nazir Group has "run training camps, dispatched suicide bombers, provided safe haven for al-Qa'ida fighters, and conducted cross-border operations in Afghanistan against the United States and its allies," the State Department said. The State Department action names the group and its sub commander, Malang Wazir, as "specially designated global terrorists." The designation freezes all assets the group has in U.S. jurisdictions and prohibits U.S. citizens from supporting the militants. **Source:**

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2013/feb/26/state-department-designates-pakistani-terrorist-gr/>

BANKING AND FINANCE INDUSTRY

Anonymous publishes 14 GB of information related to Bank of America, others. Bank of America confirmed data leaked by the hacktivist group Anonymous came from a third-party company and that their systems were not breached. The group unloaded 14 GB of data allegedly related to several different companies in response to a warning they made prior regarding a Bank of America endeavor on monitoring the Internet. Source:

<http://news.softpedia.com/news/Anonymous-Publishes-14-GB-of-Information-Related-to-Bank-of-America-Others-333220.shtml>

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al-Qassam Cyber Fighters to Resume Attacks Against US Banks on March 5 Last week, Izz ad-Din al-Qassam Cyber Fighters warned that they would be resuming the attacks against US banks if the remaining copies of the Innocence of Muslims movie were not removed from the web. In a statement sent via email to Softpedia, the hacktivists issue a final warning, threatening to resume Operation Ababil on March 5. We, the Cyber Fighters of Izz ad-Din al-Qassam, had previously warned multiple times that, if the insulting movies not be removed from the Internet we will resume the Operation Ababil. But, in spite of all of the warnings this suitable opportunity was not used and the insulting films to the great prophet of Islam (pbuh) weren't removed from YouTube, they said. This is the last al-Qassam's ultimatum to U.S. government, and, we announce that if the insulting films are not removed in the following days the Operation Ababil will be started again next week, March 5, 2013. To prove that they're serious, on Monday, the hackers launched distributed denial-of-service (DDOS) attacks against the websites of several US financial institutions, including PNC, Capital One, Bank of America, Comerica, Fifth Third Bank, Citizens Bank, Patelco Credit Union, Union Bank, and University Federal Credit Union. SiteDown.co showed that the websites of many of these organizations had suffered temporary outages on Monday. The hacktivists say they will apply the old equation to determine for how long the attacks will last. However, considering that the main copy of the film has been removed, the period has dropped from 54 to 11 weeks. It's also worth noting that just before they halted the attacks, the hackers attempted to disrupt around two dozen websites belonging to financial organizations from the United States. [Last week](http://news.softpedia.com/news/al-Qassam-Cyber-Fighters-to-Resume-Attacks-Against-US-Banks-on-March-5-332647.shtm), Izz ad-Din al-Qassam Cyber Fighters warned that they would be resuming the attacks against US banks if the remaining copies of the Innocence of Muslims movie were not removed from the web. **Source:** <http://news.softpedia.com/news/al-Qassam-Cyber-Fighters-to-Resume-Attacks-Against-US-Banks-on-March-5-332647.shtm>

CHEMICAL AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SECTOR

Nothing Significant to Report

COMMERCIAL FACILITIES

Nothing Significant to Report

COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR

FCC opens Google white-space database for public trial. The Federal Communications Commission's Office of Engineering and Technology will commence a 45-day public trial of Google's TV-band database system. Trial participants will test a system in which unlicensed devices are used to identify unoccupied TV channels in the television broadcast frequency band. Source: <http://www.tvtechnology.com/news/0086/fcc-opens-google-white-space-database-for-public-trial/218001>

US FCC wants incentives to adopt Next Generation 911. A February 27 Federal Communications Commission report detailed ways to improve the current 911 emergency

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system including recommending relying on internet technologies which would establish better and stronger connections with call centers instead of phone connections. One proposal recommended an incentive program for states to be early adopters for The Next Generation 911, a system which would gather emergency information through photos, videos, texts, and other means. Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/02/27/us-usa-fcc-idUSBRE91Q1DJ20130227>

CRITICAL MANUFACTURING

1.3 million Fords, Toyotas, Hondas under investigation. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has launched multiple automotive safety-related investigations involving about 1.3 million Ford, Toyota, and Honda vehicles. In the past decade, there have been a number of reports citing safety deficiencies involving specific models, prompting the NHTSA investigations. Source: <http://www.nbcnews.com/business/1-3-million-fords-toyotas-hondas-underinvestigation-1C8536130>

Feds to probe Ford cars and SUVs for stalling. Over 1,500 complaints of stalls and surging engines caused the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to investigate roughly 725,000 Ford vehicles from 2009 to 2011 model years. Some cars have unexpectedly entered a limp mode causing a reduction in power, which could potentially lead to an accident. Source: <http://www.washingtonguardian.com/feds-probe-ford-cars-and-suvs-stalling>

DEFENSE/ INDUSTRY BASE SECTOR

Entire F-35 fleet grounded over engine issues. Engine problems with the Lockheed Martin F-35 Joint Strike Fighter have caused the Pentagon to suspend all test flights for the entire fleet. A crack was found on a low pressure turbine blade in the F-35 engine as part of an inspection of a test aircraft February 19. Source: <http://www.militarytimes.com/news/2013/02/dn022213-f35-grounded-again-mil/>

EMERGENCY SERVICES

(California) Santa Cruz shooting: 2 police officers shot and killed during sexual assault investigation; suspect also killed. Two Santa Cruz officers were shot and killed at a suspect's home while on assignment to investigate claims of sexual assault. Police shot and killed the gunman after briefly chasing him down. Source: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/02/27/santa-cruz-shooting_n_2770724.html

ENERGY

Malware on oil rig computers raise security fears. Security officials have discovered malware downloaded by some oil rig and platform employees, through pornography and music piracy sites, that left their systems vulnerable to attack. Authorities from the energy industry have expressed their concern and plan on managing the threat and protecting their networks.

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Source: <http://www.houstonchronicle.com/business/energy/article/Malware-on-oil-rig-computers-raises-security-fears-4301773.php?t=1b259d62f3b05374ef&t=1b259d62f3&t=1b259d62f3>

Flawed fracking air pollution data is hindering EPA efforts to police drilling, new report says. A report released February 21 by the Inspector General claimed the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has failed to accurately capture data and estimates regarding air pollution from oil and natural gas production, which in turn has limited the EPA's efforts in regulating drilling. The EPA vowed to reevaluate their strategy for gathering metrics and to develop a comprehensive plan. Source: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/02/22/fracking-air-pollution-data_n_2737832.html

FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

Zachary Confections, Inc. announces recall of Zachary Chocolate Covered Marshmallow Eggs due to possible contamination and possible health risk. Zachary Confections, Inc. issued a voluntary recall of their Zachary Chocolate Covered Marshmallow Eggs due to possible contamination with Salmonella. The product comes in five ounce white crates with green, purple, and yellow lettering. Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm341576.htm>

GOVERNMENT SECTOR (INCLUDING SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES)

SSNs of 26,000 former US Government employees exposed due to printing misalignment. North Carolina Department of State Treasurers' Retirement Systems Division reported a printing misalignment may have exposed roughly 26,000 former U.S. Government employee's social security numbers in January. The agency alerted the former employees and assured them the information was not misused. Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/SSNs-of-26-000-Former-US-Government-Employees-Exposed-Due-to-Printing-Misalignment-332915.shtml>

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Six-strikes piracy alert system rolling out in the US. After a strain of delays a new anti-piracy system will be implemented in the U.S. that holds Internet service providers accountable for warning and educating users on the dangers of obtaining copyrighted material.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9237146/Six_strikes_piracy_alert_system_rolling_out_in_the_US

HTC promises to fix the security vulnerabilities that plague millions of devices. A settlement between HTC America and the U.S. Federal Trade Commission (FTC) was made in which HTC agreed to disseminate patches to fix their security holes and establish a more safeguarded security program. After several complaints prompted by the FTC, the company will also be

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evaluated once every two years by an independent corporation for the next 20 years. Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/HTC-Promises-to-Fix-the-Security-Vulnerabilities-That-Plague-Millions-of-Devices-332008.shtml>

cPanel technical support department server hacked. Officials at cPanel notified users that their technical support department was breached and if they opened a ticket for service within the last 6 months, they should change their root level password, if their ssh keys are not already in usage. cPanel is investigating the incident. Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/cPanel-Technical-Support-Department-Server-Hacked-332293.shtml>

NATIONAL MONUMENTS AND ICONS

Nothing Significant to Report

POSTAL AND SHIPPING

Nothing Significant to Report

PUBLIC HEALTH

New meningitis cases from tainted medicine still occurring; out break from Massachusetts company started in October. State health department officials are still reporting cases of meningitis or meningitis-related sicknesses due to contaminated medicine distributed from a Massachusetts compounding lab, and authorities believe they will continue to receive reports of such illnesses in the weeks to come. Source: <http://www.theoaklandpress.com/articles/2013/02/26/news/state/doc512d2b9c7e95a336158894.txt?viewmode=fullstory>

FDA recalls anemia drug Omontys due to reports of anaphylactic shock. Omontys injections, a drug used for anemia, was voluntarily recalled by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, as well as Affymax, Inc. and Takeda Pharmaceutical Company Limited, after receiving 19 reports of the drug causing hypersensitive reactions, three of which resulted in death. Patients were requested to stop all usage while the companies investigate. Source: <http://guardianlv.com/2013/02/fda-recalls-anemia-drug-omontys-due-to-reports-of-anaphylactic-shock/>

TRANSPORTATION

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WATER AND DAMS

\$2.8B damages in 2011 Mississippi River flood. A report from the Army Corps of Engineers detailed the damage done by a 2011 flood of the Mississippi River as well as deficiencies

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throughout the system. More than 119 counties, 21,000 homes and businesses, 43,000 people, and 1.2 million acres of agricultural land were affected by the flood. Source:

http://azdailysun.com/news/national/b-damages-in-mississippi-riverflood/article_63ca6c6d-d181-5e4f-a796-13b22ae70965.html

HOMELAND SECURITY CONTACTS

To report a homeland security incident, please contact your local law enforcement agency or one of these agencies: **North Dakota State and Local Intelligence Center: 866-885-8295(IN ND ONLY); Email: ndslic@nd.gov; Fax: 701-328-8175 State Radio: 800-472-2121; Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI): 701-328-5500; North Dakota Highway Patrol: 701-328-2455; US Attorney's Office Intel Analyst: 701-297-7400; Bismarck FBI: 701-223-4875; Fargo FBI: 701-232-7241.**

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