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GLOBAL JIHAD in 2010

Threat of al-Qaeda delivering a catastrophic attack increases owing to strengthened networks

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Exclusive Analysis, the leading specialist intelligence company, today issue the key points of their global Jihad forecast for 2010, in advance of the publication of their yearbook, FORESIGHT 2010.

- Al-Qaeda leaders are finding themselves under mounting pressure to demonstrate the movement's continued viability whilst **strengthened networks connecting Pakistani tribal and city militant groups are increasing their ability to mount an attack.**
- In 2010 **al-Qaeda is likely to move towards taking greater account of Muslim public opinion** and working harder to form alliances with a range of local partners such as Somalia, Yemen and Pakistan, though it will stop short of the Hizbullah model of political and social welfare activities. If successful, **it will become significantly more of a global strategic threat.**
- **The US will be a preferred target, but the most likely site for a major al-Qaeda led attack in 2010 will be Western Europe.** There will be a strong preference towards recruiting new converts to Islam for such attacks, or using people from ethnic profiles different to those of previous would-be attackers.
- While transport and government buildings are at primary risk, there is **a growing trend for assassinations of public figures to be considered as a viable alternative.**
- **Jihadists are likely to attempt attacks on non-western powers in 2010**, building a commercial presence in the Muslim world, especially in the energy sector. Russia, India and most particularly China will all be at risk.

EXCLUSIVE ANALYSIS

Exclusive Analysis is a specialist intelligence company that forecasts commercially relevant political and violent risks worldwide, leveraging their source network and methodology to forecast accurately.

Exclusive Analysis has a global network of 200 expert analysts and 1200 carefully selected human sources which report risk-relevant information to their core London-based team. A rigorous methodology, tight editorial control and an ethos of objectivity and precision is applied to all analysis and forecasting. The methodology is supported by industry leading modelling and mapping capabilities as well as cutting edge content management software. Exclusive Analysis' expertise is known and trusted for its objectivity and accuracy and their spokespeople are in demand for press and broadcast comment.

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FORESIGHT 2010

The team at Exclusive Analysis spends much of the normal working day analysing specific risks to particular assets all over the globe. Their yearbook, **FORESIGHT 2010**, to be published on December 2nd, is a welcome opportunity for them to **communicate externally some of the broader global issues that inform their everyday analysis, and allows them to anticipate the relevant questions which the international business community and government policy makers will face.**

Of particular significance in the forthcoming publication are articles including: Sudan: Triggers, Indicators and Realistic Scenarios for Renewed North-South War; China's Challenges in Central Asia: Implications for Investors; A 360 degree Strategic Risk review of Afghanistan; Pakistan in 2010: New Alliances, New Risks?; Leasing Africa – Land Rights and Investor Certainty; Right-Wing extremism in the US and Western Europe and Protests in Peru: The Outlook for Natural Resource Investors.

The yearbook also covers the likely implications of elections in Sudan, Zimbabwe, Colombia, Brazil and Peru during 2010, the probability of renewed Hizbullah-Israeli conflict in late 2010 and of protests by organised labour in the run-up to, and during, the FIFA World Cup in South Africa in June next year.

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