Pakistan: North Waziristan (NWA) Threat Overview

Insurgents continue to rely on NWA for AFG / PAK operations while PAKMIL primarily focusing elsewhere within the FATA ~~(S)~~

INS Strategize for Increased AFG Operations: (U)

(b)(1)1.4c, (b)(1)1.4d

- Gul Bahadur group coordinating to support suicide attacks in Khowst ~~(S//REL USA, FVEY, NLD)~~

▪ INS indicate increased emphasis on targeting GLOC's within P2K ~~(S/ USA, NATO, ISAF)~~

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NWA remains Key Node for PAK Attacks: (U)

▪ Tehrik-e Taliban Pakistan (TTP) and Gul Bahadur planning to facilitate suicide operations from NWA into Central FATA and PAK settled areas in response to PAKMIL operations ~~(S//REL USA, FVEY)~~

▪ TTP planned to execute attacks in response to persistent CT strikes ~~(S//REL USA, FVEY)~~

- 5 APR, TTP likely used NWA when it coordinated the US Consulate attack in Peshawar; two follow-on attacks planned ~~(S//REL~~ FVEY)

Assessment: (b)(1)1.4c, (b)(1)1.4d

Recent high profile insurgent operations linked to NWA suggest INS increasingly using area for C^2. PAKMIL operations in 2010 in the Central FATA will increase the attractiveness of NWA as a insurgent haven. ~~(S//REL USA, FVEY)~~