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FB-ISAO Physical Threat Level:

Severe

FB-ISAO has assessed the general Physical Threat Level for US Faith-Based Organizations as "CRITICAL." As per FB-ISAO's definitions of the Physical Threat Levels, "CRITICAL" means that an event is underway or expected imminently.

FB-ISAO Cyber Threat Level:

Guarded

FB-ISAO has assessed the general Cyber Threat Level for US Faith-Based Organizations as "ELEVATED." As per FB-ISAO's definitions of the Cyber Threat Levels, "ELEVATED" means FB-ISAO is not aware of any specific or targeted cyber threats, but there is a concern that the general risk of cyber threat activity is higher than normal.

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FB-ISAO Newsletter

New FB-ISAO Reporting

The COVID-19 pandemic has redefined so many aspects of our lives and it continues to do so. As an organization, we felt it was incumbent upon us to check-in with our members about our reporting during the month of July 2020. FB-ISAO is a member driven organization, and feedback helps us tailor our reporting and products to the needs of the community.

FB-ISAO has become a more mature organization partly due to its response to the pandemic. Together, we accomplished a lot in a few short months. Here are some highlights:

- Working across industries and with our government partners, we produced the [Pandemic Reopening / Reentry Checklist](#)
- During the height of the pandemic response, we issued daily COVID-19 reports
- We engaged our [Information Sharing Communities](#) with resources pertinent to them
- We hosted webinars on topics such as After-Action Reports / Reviews and Business Continuity Planning
- We asked the Administration to establish a [Faith-Based sector of Critical Infrastructure](#)

When the ISAO got its start, we focused on engaging the community with one-way communication, from our team to the community. As we continue to mature, we want to further develop effective member engagement - from the staff to members, from members back to our staff, and among members. Looking ahead, and with the increased engagement from FB-ISAO members, we are launching some new reports and products that meet our evolution.

The TLP:WHITE Faith-Based Daily Journal has been improved. This daily publication, based on open-source information, provides a quick

FBJ Highlights, 31 Jul

We hope you're enjoying the new FBJ! Here are a few highlights from the content in today's report.

The first item in the FBJ shares an exciting new resource from our partners at CISA! The CISA announcement follows below this post. We thank our partners at CISA for developing and sharing this valuable resource. Members are encouraged to get familiar with the new **Faith Based Organizations / Houses of Worship (FBO-HOW)** website and be on the lookout for a forthcoming webinar with our friends at CISA.

As Muslims around the world celebrate **Eid**, festivities are being restricted by COVID-19, and in some cases, threats. In Bangladesh, security has been raised following Eid terror attack warnings.

Violence against places and people of faith isn't restricted to overseas... in **Berkley, CA**, an Arsonist sets fire outside church of prominent Black pastor in Berkeley and Berkeley church leaders call arson fire an 'act of terror.' On the other side of the country, **NY Jewish security patrol member stabbed while stopping gang attack.**

Other items members may find of interest, a retail union leader is expressing **frustrations at retailers for having frontline workers serve as "mask police."** Similar concerns may be felt by some FBO staff and volunteers as they are asked to help enforce safety protocols. See the #covid_19 channel in Slack for a number of other updates relating to the pandemic.

overview of items that are clickable to take the reader to sites with more detailed information on the topic. An FBJ Highlights section was added which provides commentary on items of particular interest to the

community.

[Read more about the changes to the FB-ISAO Reporting.](#)

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Upcoming FB-ISAO Events

New Member On-Boarding	On-going
Workshops	Planning in Progress

Virtual Workshops

[FB-ISAO workshops](#) are discussion-based and employ a hostile events scenario to provide participants an opportunity to interact with one another and discuss issues, concerns, best practices and other salient points regarding physical security preparedness, coordination and response (these exercises will not focus on recovery) among participants to help inform organizational preparedness, security and resilience. Due to the pandemic, our schedule was suspended right after we delivered the first workshop in February 2020. That workshop was successfully held in [Orlando, Florida](#).

The FB-ISAO team is reviewing technology that can be used to resume our workshops virtually. Workshops will be offered in two ways; regionally, which means that folks from a specific area will be able to attend, and modularly, anyone is able to attend regardless of their geographic area. While we coordinate dates with our partners, we will keep members informed via FB-ISAO Slack, email, and the FB-ISAO [website](#).

Spotlight: All-Member Meeting

As we started to plan the all-member meeting - a process that began in early July, we had hopes for high participation. We were not disappointed!

The planning process began with reaching out to Bill Flynn and Gary Warner. Both Bill and Gary are members of our [Advisory Board](#). During the meeting, Bill spoke about hostile events, and Gary provided a round-up on cyber threats. Both Bill and Gary were highly informative. Thank you both!

Next, and to address one of the topics on the forefront of members' minds, we reached out to the FBI who graciously agreed to brief our members on the topic of Domestic Terrorism. Debra Anderson, Unit Chief and Supervisory Intelligence Analyst of the Domestic Terrorism Strategic Unit, provided an excellent synopsis on domestic threats that included "salad bar" terrorism. BTW, salad bar terrorism is used in our workshop hostile event scenario. We value our partnership with the FBI and other government agencies!

The working group chairs shared updates on their activities, and finally, the team spoke to the platform that supports the collaboration and reporting tools FB-ISAO employs (please see the first story in this newsletter.) One important change we made to our reporting is the **introduction of a virtual collaborative monthly threat brief**. The Co-Chair of the Business Resilience Group, Rob Yandow, will be leading the charge on coordinating the monthly threat briefs. While the FB-ISAO analyst team is well versed in analyzing the current threat environment based on threat intelligence, members may have specific topics they would like to see addressed. Please take a moment to communicate two items to Rob:

- Good times / Bad times to participate in the monthly threat brief
- Topics you would like to see addressed

Rob can be reached on FB-ISAO Slack; however, if members prefer email, please write to membership@faithbased-isao.org - we will get the requested information over to Rob.