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Homeland Security Advisory System (HSAS)
Threat Level: HIGH (Orange)
Maritime Security Condition: Two

The National Threat Level has been raised from "Elevated" (Yellow) to "High" (Orange). This is based on specific intelligence received and analyzed by the full U. S. Intelligence Community. Accordingly, the Captain of the Port Jacksonville, FL has raised the port security level to MARSEC Two.

Increasing intelligence indicates that the Al-Qaeda terrorist network maintains an ongoing interest in attacking targets, including soft or lightly secured targets in the United States and/or the Persian Gulf. The likelihood of such targeting may rise in or around the end of the Hajj (a Muslim religious period ending mid-February 2003).

Several U. S. economic sectors should also be considered potential targets given their significance and past interest by Al-Qaeda. These include the energy sector (tank farms, refinery facilities, oil tankers); transportation (bridges, tunnels, railways, civil aviation) and symbolic targets such as national monuments and recreation/amusement parks.

Transportation authorities and infrastructure owners and operators are recommended to evaluate current security procedures and apply, as appropriate, protective measures that correspond to threat condition "High" (Orange) and MARSEC Two. Such measures should include an increase of ID check of all personnel entering facilities and additional security sweeps and patrols of facilities and critical infrastructure.

All port stakeholders are requested to increase the awareness of all employees and personnel involved and report any suspicious activities to local law enforcement **and** the National Response Center (1-800-424-8802).

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