



## SUMMARY

The summary highlights an overarching view of a developing or trending homeland security issue in which the Secretary of Homeland Security has determined that the circumstances warrant providing additional details about the emerging situation to the public and various partners and stakeholders.

## DURATION

An individual threat alert is issued for a specific time period and then automatically expires. It may be extended if new information becomes available or the threat evolves.

## ADDITIONAL DETAILS

- This section provides additional information about the developing terrorism related circumstances to inform and educate the public and stakeholders.
- It is designed to assist the public and stakeholders in understanding the current situation and why the dissemination of the information is a prudent step in helping to detect, deter or prevent against the possibility of an attack.
- Though the degree of credibility or specificity about the emerging threat may not be available, this section will provide as much detail as possible based on the information available at the time.

## U.S. GOVERNMENT COUNTERTERRORISM EFFORTS

- This section details U.S. Government efforts to mitigate threats to the homeland including specific security enhancements.
- It includes as much information as can be released publicly about actions – particularly those visible to the public – being taken or planned by federal authorities to ensure public safety.
- Details about protective security measures may include both seen and unseen actions by the federal government. When necessary, this section may also recognize specific state and local security enhancements.

## TYPES OF ADVISORIES

### Bulletin

Describes current developments or general trends regarding threats of terrorism.

### Elevated Alert

Warns of a credible terrorism threat against the United States.

### Imminent Alert

Warns of a credible, specific and impending terrorism threat against the United States.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

- This section provides information on ways the public can help authorities (e.g. camera phone pictures taken at the site of an explosion), and reinforces the importance of reporting suspicious activity.
- It may ask the public or certain sectors to be alert for a particular item, situation, person, activity or developing trend.

## BE PREPARED

- This section emphasizes the importance of the public planning and preparing for emergencies before they happen, including specific steps individuals, families and businesses can take to ready themselves and their communities.
- It provides additional preparedness information that may be relevant based on this threat.

## STAY INFORMED

- This section notifies the public about where to get more information.
- It encourages citizens to stay informed about updates from local public safety and community leaders.
- It includes a link to the DHS NTAS website and Twitter feed:  
<http://www.dhs.gov/advisories>  
<http://twitter.com/dhsgov>

If You See Something, Say Something™. Report suspicious activity to local law enforcement or call 911.

The National Terrorism Advisory System provides information on homeland security issues and threats. It is distributed by the Department of Homeland Security. More information is available at: [www.dhs.gov/advisories](http://www.dhs.gov/advisories). To receive mobile updates: [www.twitter.com/dhsgov](http://www.twitter.com/dhsgov)

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