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BEHIND THE LINES: Our Take on the Other Media's Homeland Security Coverage

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Al Qaeda's North Africa franchise is exploiting the Libyan conflict to acquire weapons, including surface-to-air missiles, which are smuggled across the Sahara to a stronghold in northern Mali, **Reuters' Lamine Chikhi** hears an Algerian intel official confirming -- while **Asian News International** worries about the Russian-made shoulder-launched missiles being used to down airliners over the Mediterranean. The FBI, meanwhile, has begun questioning Libyans living in the United States, to identify any Tripoli-backed spies or terrorists, **The Wall Street Journal's Devlin Barrett** reports.

Feds: One of Osama bin Laden's sons claims that "he was invited to the White House in the final days of George W. Bush's presidency in a last-ditch attempt to discover the whereabouts of the world's most wanted terrorist," **The Daily Telegraph's Fiona Govan** reveals. Among other things, the 9/11 attacks "demonstrated that the one thing the U.S. government was unable to do was protect the American heartland. So Congress created a new agency, [DHS], to do what the Defense Department failed to do," **Doug Bandow** frowns for **Forbes**. A CBP agent has been charged with rape, forced sodomy and rape by use of drugs, all felonies, for an alleged off-duty attack, **The Los Angeles Daily News** tells.

Threat Matrix: "Radical activist groups associated with President Obama have launched a campaign of economic terrorism and sabotage -- possibly with his blessing," **Matthew Vadum** maintains in **FrontPage Magazine**. Authorities are investigating a parcel intercepted Monday addressed to House homeland honcho Peter King, R-N.Y., which contained a bloody pig's foot and a seemingly misdirected anti-Semitic slur, **CBS News' Brian Montopoli** mentions. The U.S. Marine Corps' Camp Pendleton was temporarily placed under tighter security after three Middle Eastern men tried to go onto the base without proper authorization, **San Diego's KGTV 10 News** notes.

State and local: A Bay Area imbroglio "illustrates the hazards that can arise when local governments race to tap new sources of federal money - - [such as DHS] funds approved years ago and more recently authorized stimulus money, **The New York Times** spotlights. Discontent is growing about hiring practices for the monumental DHS/Coast Guard HQ construction project on the St. Elizabeths hospital campus, despite

numbers showing that hundreds of D.C. residents are employed, The **Washington Post** reports. Members of the reconstituted Porter County Sheriff's Mounted Division have gone to Camp Atterbury for homeland security training as well as to Texas A&M University, The **Northwest Indiana Times** spotlights -- while The **Adrian (Mich.) Daily Telegram** sees 150 local gov and biz leaders exhorted that "they are being counted on to handle any natural or manmade disaster that may strike Lenawee County."

Follow the money: "Are we the American taxpayers actually funding terror? Probably. Probably," **FOX News'** crying cassandra Glenn Beck deliberates. "In spite of clear leadership in the financial war on terror, the U.S. Treasury has not always played a leading role in organizing a comprehensive approach to the financial pursuit of assets in regimes such as Libya," a **Financial Times** op-ed observes. In the Holy See's latest initiative to come into compliance with international terror finance norms, a new rule issued Friday requires anyone bringing \$14,000 or more into Vatican City to declare it, The **Associated Press** reports. "India is poised to assist Iran in sidestepping international sanctions by using the German financial system to facilitate the transfer from India to Iran of billions of dollars annually for oil sales," The **Terror Finance Blog** alerts.

Bugs 'n bombs: An Arizona water resources worker stands charged with terrorism and making terrorist threats after turning off numerous waste water treatment operating systems, Phoenix's **KPHO 5 News** updates. "The liquid natural gas industry implements robust security planning, prevention and mitigation measures in close coordination with authorities [including DHS] to ensure that operations are safe and secure," a lobbyist assures in The **Savannah Morning News**. Later this month in Kansas City, the FBI will present an International Symposium on Agroterrorism "to discuss the threat and how to reduce the potential for harm," **Dairy Herd Network** notes. A United Steelworkers expert who testified before a House panel on legislation to extend DHS's Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards says they need improving, The **Chesterton (Ind.) Tribune** tells. Guam's homeland security shop reassures residents that the radiation spilling into the Pacific Ocean from Japan's failing reactor poses no threat to the island territory, The **Pacific Daily News** notes.

Close air support: "At least one Tulsa, Okla., resident has had it with what he calls 'gate rape,'" The **Greater Tulsa Reporter** leads. The Association of Flight Attendants welcomes a new TSA program that will test out alternate non-intrusive screening of airliner crewmembers, **eTurboNews** notes. Fighter jets were scrambled Monday to escort a British passenger plane bound for the Egyptian resort of Sharm el-Sheikh to Athens' airport following a security alert, The **Guardian** reports. An international crisis expert claims that Aussie airport luggage scanners can't detect the latest range of weapons to hit the streets, such as key ring guns, The **West Australian** relates -- as The **Melbourne Herald Sun** learns that of 280 airports Down Under, "240 have no security and some are unattended, day and night." Four Moscow airport managers face criminal charges for "allowing" a January terror attack, but "not a single one of the Federal Security Service officers responsible for protecting Domodedovo from terrorist attacks has been blamed," The **Moscow Times** maintains.

Waterworld: The Coast Guard received a new breed of boats -- faster, more police-like -- following the Sept. 11 attacks, and one of those fast boats killed an 8-year-old boy on San Diego Bay, the **Times-Union** spotlights. A Port Security Grant will allow the New Hanover County (N.C.) Sheriff's Office to replace a patrol vessel "used for numerous operations along the Cape Fear River," Wilmington's **WWAY 3 News** notes. Vessel owners should take measures that have proved to keep pirates from boarding and be charged for the rescue of their ships if they fail to do so, **USA Today** editorializes -- to which a shipping industry retort stresses "the urgent need to provide more naval assets to deter and defeat piracy in the Indian Ocean."

Terror tech: "There's no shortage of ideas on how technology can solve the Somali piracy problem . . . Now two companies are offering new solutions to keep pirates at bay: blinding them with pepper spray and incapacitating them by making them hurl," **Danger Room**, relatedly, leads. DHS's National Firearms and Tactical Training Unit conducts rigorous laboratory testing "to ensure that firearms, body armour and ammunition carried by ICE agents exceed standards," **MMD Newswire** relays. Formally assigning the Global Position System to DHS, as a recent NASA white paper urges, would enable it "to simply curtail the FCC review and rule against any technology which DHS deems would interfere with such a 'critical infrastructure,'" The **New American** warily assesses. "Law enforcement has a new weapon in the war on terror--so-called nano-ink that detects and renders harmless peroxide-based chemicals typically found in improvised explosive devices," **TakePart** spotlights.

Cyberia: Mathematicians have expanded application of Lewis Fry Richardson's mid-20 century predictive statistical analytics of warfare to terrorism and insurgency, forecasting the timing and severity of attacks and the evolution of conflicts, The **Economist** spotlights. A report in the latest issue of the U.S. Air Force's **Strategic Studies Quarterly** describes a hypothetical 2020 cyberwar with China that "will not necessarily involve power grids being knocked offline and planes falling from the sky," **CSO Magazine** mentions. "Aeroplanes taken over by remote control and forced to crash with the use of newly invented computer software," and similar cyberattacks are now being viewed as the second-biggest risk to aviation behind natural disasters, The **Brisbane Courier-Mail** mentions. Accused WikiLeaks source Pfc. Bradley Manning installed and used unauthorized "data-mining software" as he allegedly siphoned hundreds of thousands of documents off a classified network, the Army tells **Threat Level**.

Courts and rights: The Obama administration's decision to hold military trials for five accused 9/11 plotters "raises the question of how quickly justice will be served," The **Wall Street Journal** addresses. As the reauthorization clock continues to tick on controversial Patriot Act amendments, The **Palm Beach Post** reports that the "library clause" has been used 380 times since 2001, the "roving wiretap," 190 times and the "lone wolf provision," never. "Guantanamo Bay, or something like it, is necessary. But it can and should be made better," an op-ed in The **Tech** at MIT argues.

Over there: Marking the blast's 25 anniversary, **Deutsche Welle** recollects the Berlin La Belle disco bombing of April 5, 1986, a Libyan attack that killed two U.S. servicemen and a Turkish woman. " Hamas, the

Palestinian terror group that runs Gaza, is being terrorized by other Islamic terror groups that have been given sanctuary in Gaza," The **Strategy Page** leads. Reports that U.S. support for Yemen's president is waning raises the question of whether a new leader would continue helping Washington fight the local al Qaeda franchise, The **Christian Science Monitor** explores.

You snooze, you lose: "Interrupting a meeting of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on Tuesday, Vice President Joe Biden called dibs on the clothes of Muammar el-Qaddafi, saying he wanted first pick of the Libyan dictator's wardrobe as soon as he was deposed," The **Onion** reports. "'I've had my eye on those threads for years,' said Biden, promising the assembled military officers they could have Qaddafi's print shirts or any assorted hats and sunglasses that Biden didn't want. 'I need a couple of his traditional nomad outfits for this sheikh-themed party I'm throwing. And those uniforms with all the medals are pretty sweet.' According to sources, Biden was unable to lay claim to Qaddafi's Bedouin tents because Energy Secretary Steven Chu had called them minutes earlier."

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