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(U//LES) “Day of Rage” Activities Planned Nationwide on 17 September 2011

(U//LES) Various online communities and groups have dubbed 17 September 2011 as the ‘US Day of Rage’ and are planning organized protests and assemblies throughout the United States.

(U//LES) Referencing the demonstrations of the 2011 Arab Spring events, the ‘US Day of Rage’ desires to mimic the revolutionary wave of demonstrations and protests which have occurred in the Arab world. The overall goal of the ‘US Day of Rage’ protests is to conduct unorganized protests in major metropolitan areas with special attention on banking and financial institutions.

(U//LES) Two prominent communities, ‘US Day of Rage’ and ‘Occupy Wall Street’, are at the forefront of organizing the events.

- (U//LES) The group ‘US Day of Rage’ (http://www.usdayofrage.org) is calling for “state and national non-violent protests and assemblies of people to demand that integrity be brought back to our [American] elections”. While ‘US Day of Rage’ does not condone the use of violence during the events, their website provides activists with information and training on “direct action, civil disobedience, how to deal with violence, and jailhouse solidarity”, suggesting that violence and/or illegal activity is expected by event organizers.

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(U//LES) In July 2011, Adbusters, a self-identified American revolutionary anarchist group, advocated a “take over” of Wall Street in New York City on 17 September 2011. The group ‘Occupy Wall Street’ (https://occupywallstreet.org) is an online social networking offshoot of the declaration by Adbusters. ‘Occupy Wall Street’ is calling for “20,000 people to flood into Manhattan, set up tents, kitchens, and barricades to occupy Wall Street for a few months.” Their primary motivation is to demonstrate against the perceived “greed and corruption” of the US banking and financial sector. In their July 2011 declaration, Adbusters initially intended for the event to occur in New York City only; however, as the movement escalated in popularity over the summer months, unorganized direct action demonstrations are being planned for locations throughout the United States on 17 September 2011. Like ‘US Day of Rage,’ the group ‘Occupy Wall Street’ does not openly condone violence or illegal activities; however, their website offers information on “dealing with first responders, chaotic protesting” and suggested that protesters bring “billy clubs and taser guns.”

(U//LES) ‘US Day of Rage’ has events planned on 17 September 2011 in multiple US cities, including protests in New York City, Austin, TX, and Charlotte, NC; however, specific details of these protests are currently unknown. While ‘US Day of Rage’ does not condone the use of violence during the events, their website provides activists with information and training on “direct action, civil disobedience, how to deal with violence, and jailhouse solidarity,” suggesting that violence and/or illegal activity is expected by event organizers.

(U//LES) It should be noted that the ‘US Day of Rage’ website indicates a protest may occur at the Indiana State Capital building; however, no date is associated with the protest. Furthermore, according to their website, ‘US Day of Rage’ has planned additional protests for 1 October 2011, 6 October 2011, and 15 October 2011 in cities throughout the United States. Again, no date is associated with the Indiana protest.
(U//LES) Law enforcement and public safety officials should remain alert to possible security and public safety issues that may arise as a result of the 17 September 2011 ‘US Day of Rage’ protests and demonstrations.
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