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## **Homegrown Violent Extremists: Pennsylvania Man Charged With Threats to Military Personnel**

In a superseding indictment on May 18, Jalil Aziz, age 19, of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania (see photo)—who was already charged with conspiracy to provide material support to the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS)—was accused of posting online the names of about 100 US military personnel and encouraging his followers to kill them. The indictment alleges that Aziz used a Twitter account to post the names, addresses, photographs, and military branches of the servicemembers. His message also included threats to the servicemembers, such as “kill them in their own lands, behead them in their own homes, stab them to death as they walk their streets thinking that they are safe.” The new indictment charges Aziz with solicitation to commit a crime of violence and transmitting a communication containing a threat to injure.



Aziz was arrested on December 17 and was originally charged with using social media to spread ISIS propaganda and to assist individuals who were attempting to travel overseas to join ISIS. According to the criminal complaint, he used at least 57 Twitter accounts to advocate violence against the United States and its citizens and to promote the ideology of ISIS. On one occasion, he allegedly acted as an intermediary between a person in Turkey and several prominent members of ISIS. A search of a backpack in his residence revealed five loaded high-capacity magazines, a modified kitchen knife, and other equipment.

## **Aviation: Cause of EgyptAir Crash Not Yet Determined**

Officials are saying it is still too early to determine the cause of the crash of an EgyptAir flight on May 19. Data from the aircraft’s automatic detection system indicated smoke a few minutes before the Airbus A320 plunged into the eastern Mediterranean. The data, first published by an aviation industry website, showed smoke in a lavatory and near the avionics, as well as other alarms activating. These data do not identify the exact cause of the crash. Among the potential causes of the smoke are an electrical malfunction, an explosion, or nefarious activity by an individual in the lavatory. No terrorist group has claimed responsibility for the incident. A 31-minute audio message released on May 21 by the chief spokesman for ISIS, Abu Mohammed al-Adnani, made no mention of the EgyptAir crash. Egypt’s President Sissi has announced that an Egyptian Oil Ministry submarine, capable of operating at a depth of nearly 10,000 feet, has been deployed to assist in the search for the flight recorders. Egypt’s Civil Aviation Minister said searchers continue to find wreckage of the aircraft, passenger belongings, and human remains.

## **Government Facilities: No Apparent Terrorism Connection in White House Incident**

There is “no known nexus to terrorism” in a police-involved shooting near the White House on May 20, according to a joint statement by Washington’s Metropolitan Police Department, the Secret Service, the US Park Police, and the FBI. On May 20, Jesse Oliveri, age 31, of Ashland, Pennsylvania, about 85 miles northwest of Philadelphia, approached a White House checkpoint (see photo) with a handgun. When he refused repeated commands to drop his weapon, a Secret Service officer shot him once, critically wounding him. Police found ammunition for a .22-caliber weapon inside the man’s vehicle, which was parked nearby. The investigation is ongoing. This is the latest in a series of security incidents at the White House in recent years, including a breach in September 2014, in which an intruder with a knife scaled the fence, entered through the main doors, and made it as far as the East Room before being tackled by an off-duty Secret Service agent.



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