

INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE

Leading Actors Behind the 06/11 Attacks on Arcadia

Summary

The Peace for Greywall (PGM) movement is almost certainly behind the attacks conducted in Arcadia on June 11, 2021 around 11PM. Specifically, this movement was conducted under the leadership of the previously indicated dissenting faction within the organization under members like William Spaniel. However, with moderate confidence their efforts were supplemented by both Bandrian and Arcadian support. We estimate by Bandrian military action prior to the expected awareness of the attack as well as implications and telecommunications conducted within Arcadia, groups within both countries supporting the independence of Greywall were aware of and/or supporting these attacks. Further action being taken to support this movement by Arcadians is currently unknown, however it is highly anticipated for strengthened Bandrian support in this independence movement if the Arcadian government fails to meet the demands of the PGM.

Discussion

I. General Assessment of the PGM

1. In a prior memorandum from the CIA on March 11, 2021 it was stated that there were rumors of a sizable, dissenting faction rising within the PGM in favor of overturning the 1998 Agreement to seek independence for Greywall. At the time, it was believed that leader, Andrew Jones could contain this faction but this no longer seems to be the case.

2. The style of attacks conducted on June 20, 2021 are much more aligned with those conducted prior to Jones's position as leader of the PGM as well as James Ashworth's bombing in March 2021. The usage of bombing and kidnapping of political elites or associated persons were not actions previously supported by Jones. A memoranda from the Department of Defense in response to the March 2021 bombing indicates Jones issued a statement of praying for families of the victims without taking responsibility for this attack. Commander James Ashworth took responsibility.
3. Prior to the March 2021 bombing, a phone call between William Spaniel, a suspected rebel within the PGM, and James Ashworth was received. The call expressed discontent with Jones's leadership not promoting more immediate action for freedom of Greywall and indicated that "blood will be spilt" to achieve this goal. Thus, with a high level of confidence it is assumed that the March 2021 bombing led by Ashworth was actually under the direction of the PGM faction.
4. Prior to the attacks conducted on June 11 at 11PM, a call between Andrew Jones and his son was intercepted at 10:14PM in which he indicated that his son and wife should go north immediately. The close proximity of this call to the attack not even an hour later indicates that Jones was potentially not well informed prior.
5. Prior to these incidents, Bandrian intelligence indicated Jones increased his personal security, implying he felt threatened by some outside force. Based on the events leading up to the attack, it seems that it may have been in response to fellow PGM council members being unhappy with his course of action and policy making.

6. Following the attacks, numerous sources indicated that Jones was nowhere to be found, which was unusual compared to his public responses following Ashworth's bombing in March.

II. Bandria

7. Bandria has had long-term, open support for the PGM since 1956. While they deny military support for the movement there is lots of evidence proving otherwise. In 1971 and 1990, Arcadia caught Bandria directly training the PGM's forces. It was assumed to be in preparation to defend from Arcadia, however with a moderate level of confidence it appears to have been in preparation for reclaiming the territory from Arcadia.
8. Bandria is assumed to be much weaker than Arcadia, and thus the Department of Defense assessed that Bandria would not directly attack Arcadia. However this assessment only addresses an open and direct attack by Bandrian forces. In a newspaper report from the Arcadian times as of 6AM on June 21 following the attack, the attacking forces are described as hiding their faces but brandishing "standard PGM uniforms and weapons." PGM weapons are stocked by the same manufacturer utilized for Bandria, and they utilize similar maneuvers as the Bandria military. The interest in hiding the facial identity of the forces indicates an important reason, and it is most likely to conceal Bandrian involvement in the attacks.
9. Satellite imaging of regional troop movements was taken at 2AM on June 21, and on the Bandrian side there were great expansions of troops on the Arcadian border outside of the Greywall zone and near the Bandrian capital. This movement

occurred prior to reasonable suspicion of the attacks in Arcadia. Sources indicate the Arcadian prime minister and Bandrian prime minister had a call at 4AM on June 21. This implies a lack of thorough communications and/or knowledge would have occurred before this call, which indicates the Bandrian government would have had this knowledge through some other avenue.

III. Arcadia

10. The general consensus of the Arcadian government is rightful ownership of Greywall. In the past, Arcadia has tried multiple times to remove Bandrians from the region and failed. In 1988, an agreement was made with the PGM to end conflict, however tensions are still high between leaders. This was indicated by the high quantity of troop movements on the Greywall border following the attacks on June 20.
11. At 6AM on June 21, a telephone call between the Minister of the Interior and his Senior Advisor was intercepted. The transcript mentions the minister saying “finally, those dogs got what was coming to them,” which in context of the attacks appears to be in reference to the Arcadians and their officers being attacked. At the moment it’s not confirmed if he is a double agent for the PGM or Bandria, but it appears at the bare minimum that he supports the movement/efforts.
12. The Foreign Minister of Arcadia received a phone call from PGM’s Political Representative, James North, at 6PM, 5 hours before the attack. After being unable to reach the foreign minister, James North was recorded to have two unusually long calls with people within Greywall and made a large amount of unusual calls with various Arcadian numbers. With minor confidence, this

indicates some sort of important arrangement between the foreign minister and the PGM's choice of attack.

Source A: Memoranda from the Department of Defense to the NSC: The History of the Bandaria-Arcadia dispute. Dates March 16th 2021

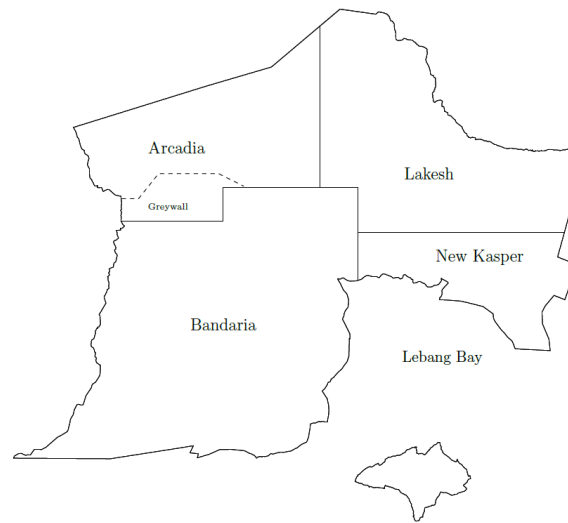
One week ago, insurgents affiliated with the Peace for Greywall Movement (PGM) detonated a bomb in a marketplace near the Arcadian Capital. PGM Commander James Ashworth took responsibility for the attack. The PGM leader, Andrew Jones, issued a statement that he was praying for the families of the victims. But he did not take responsibility for it. Arcadia responded with counter-insurgent raids throughout the province of Greywall; where PGM is based. The raids led to the capture of PGM Commander James Ashworth and three of his foot-soldiers. One raid accidentally targeted a civilian household leading to the death of innocent civilians. Yesterday, Bandaria amassed forces on its border near the Arcadian province of Greywall. Bandaria threatened to intervene if the Arcadian Government “continued its blatant human rights violations against the ethnic Bandarians who rightfully inhabit Greywall.”

In memoranda 2021-10001023 we assessed with high confidence that Bandaria would not intervene despite their threats to do so. We noted that Arcadia unintentionally raided a civilian home and that Arcadia’s operations have otherwise target known insurgent leaders with few civilian casualties. We noted that Arcadia has taken extra precautions to avoid further civilian casualties since the incident. We assessed that a Bandarian intervention is unlikely even if Bandaria changed course and engaged in civilian targeting because Arcadia is significantly more powerful than Bandaria. Arcadia would almost certainly prevail in a war. We assessed that Bandaria’s threat was likely to drum up local support. Finally, we assessed with moderate confidence that Ashworth was not acting on instructions from the political leaders of the PGM. We asserted that if Arcadia thought Ashworth was likely acting alone, that the Arcadian military would cease their operations once Ashworth was captured.

Following that assessment, the NSC asked for more information about the history of Arcadian-Bandarian relations, the history of the Greywall dispute, and Bandaria’s support for the PGM. We provide that background information below.

The history of the Greywall dispute.

Bandaria and Arcadia share an international border. Both countries have distinct ethnic-religious and cultural identities and are largely homogenous along these dimensions. The one exception is that the Arcadian province of Greywall is mainly populated by ethnic Bandarians.



Greywall holds important cultural value for both Bandaria and Arcadia. From Arcadia's perspective, Greywall houses significant religious temples. Arcadians are deeply religious people. Each year, 10,000s of Arcadians travel to Greywall during pilgrimages to visit the resting place of their prophet. Bandarians describe Greywall as the cradle of their civilization. Many people view the earliest ethnic Bandarians as originating from Greywall.

In 1907, Arcadia attempted to expel all ethnic Bandarians from Greywall. They faced fierce local resistance from a militia group known as the Peace for Greywall Movement (PGM). The PGM fought off the Arcadian military. Since then, Arcadia's influence over Greywall has fluctuated but the PGM has grown stronger. In 1937, Arcadia deployed its forces to Greywall a second time. This time, Bandaria provided arms to the PGM. The conflict ended in stalemate after 6 months. In 1960 and 1983 the PGM demanded Arcadia recognize Greywall as a sovereign territory. Arcadia refused leading to conflict.

Between 1980 and 1996, the PGM prosecuted an insurgent campaign near Arcadia's capital. They regularly destroyed buildings, killed civilians and kidnapped political elites.

In 1998, the PGM and Arcadia brokered an agreement (The 1998 Agreement). The PGM agreed to cease attacks, permit Arcadian citizens to safely enter Greywall during religious holidays. The Arcadian Government agreed to withdraw its military bases and allow Greywall to organize provincial elections with ethnically Bandarian candidates.

The 1998 Agreement did not resolve all issues. The PGM still wants sovereign control over Greywall and refuses to demobilize its insurgent army. Arcadia refuses to commit to ending counter-insurgent raids in Greywall. Despite these differences, there is an unspoken understanding that peace will prevail so long as neither side escalates their political rhetoric.

Bandaria's Support for the PGM

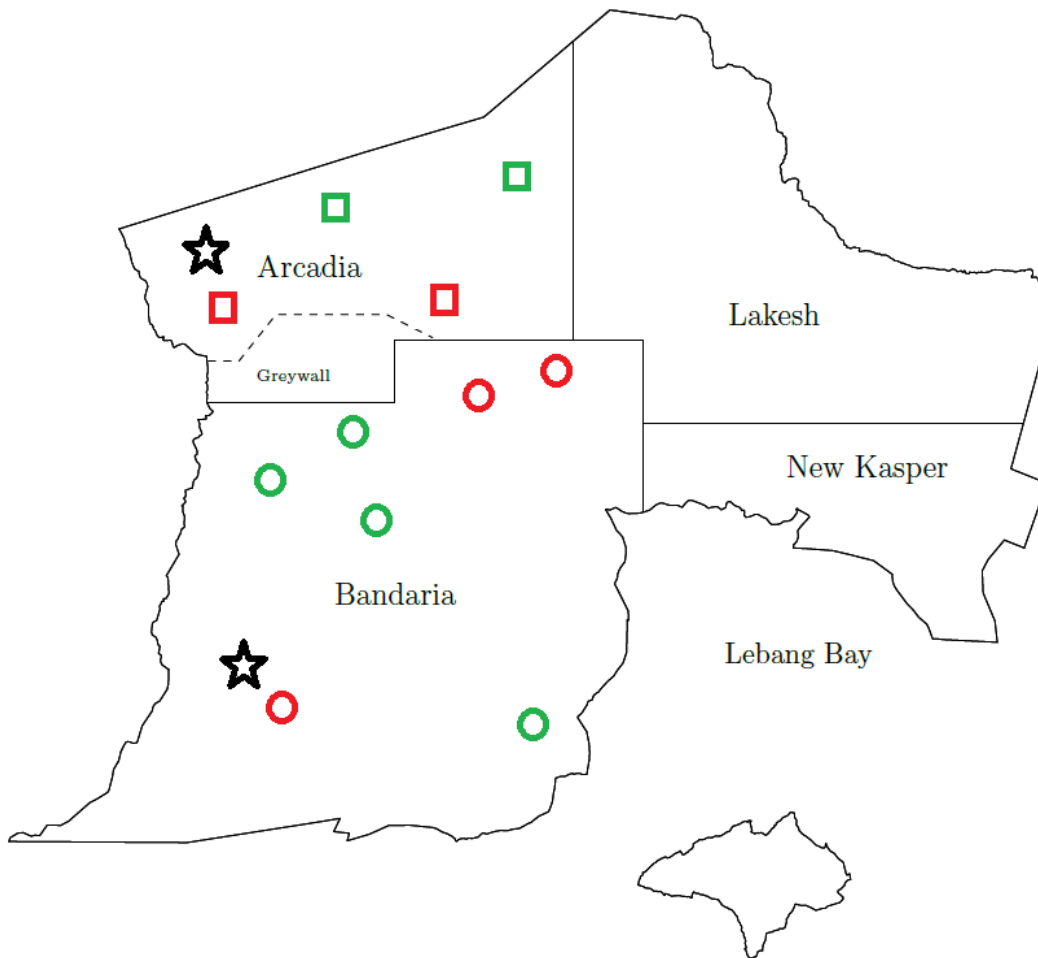
Bandaria has openly supported the PGM's political wing since 1956. The PGM has a consulate in Bandaria and a political representative that are treated as if they were Ambassadors. PGM elites usually attend university in Bandaria and Bandaria provides governance assistance and aid to the PGM to help it build strong political institutions. Arcadia does not object to this form of aid because it helps strengthen the non-violent political wing of the PGM.

Bandaria denies their support for the military wing of Arcadia. However, Bandaria has previously been caught supporting PGM militias. We assess with high confidence that Bandaria continues to fund and train PGM forces. PGM weapons are stocked by the same manufacturer that supplies Bandaria and PGM forces use maneuvers commonly used by Bandarian Special Forces.

The Arcadian government expresses public outrage over Bandaria's military support for the PGM. In 1971 and 1990, Arcadia caught Bandarian intelligence officers training PGM insurgents leading to military crises. In private, Arcadia seems to tolerate Bandaria's military support. At least, they have not fought a war over it. We conjecture that Arcadia may tolerate this situation because the Bandarian military largely confines their military aid to logistics and materials. To the extent that they help train PGM forces, it appears that the training is for defense against an Arcadian attack.

Source B: Satellite Images of Regional Troop Movements

Wide angled, US satellite fly over Arcadia and Bandaria at 2am every day. On June 21st, the satellites detected significant troop movements on both sides. The picture below summarizes an analysis of the images. The squares and circles represent major military installations. The green bases have not experienced significant troop movements. The bases in red have been put on high alert and have expanded their forces.



Source C: Memoranda from the CIA Station Chief: Developments with the PGM March 11th 2021.

Rumors have emerged of tensions inside the PGM. These rumors suggest that a sizeable faction is emerging that is dissatisfied with the 1998 Agreement and seeks to overturn it. While little is known yet, we assess with moderate confidence that the PGM's long-time leader, Andrew Jones, can abate this faction for now. While we do not know the identities of the dissenters, we believe that William Spaniel (a senior PGM intelligence officer) is likely one of them.

The PGM leadership

Since 1990, the PGM has been led by Andrew Jones. Jones is a very careful political operator. We rarely gain direct intelligence on his private activities. However, from what we know, Jones is a pragmatic and political moderate.

Under Jones, the PGM has a Cabinet of 20 senior elites that represent various political and military branches of the PGM. The Cabinet meets 3 times a year to discuss the PGM's progress and direction. The details of these meetings are a closely guarded secret. But we now know that Jones has final say on the PGM's policy. However, the Cabinet votes on all policy questions and Jones has historically followed the Cabinet's majority vote.

Evidence of a Recent Dispute

A well-placed and often reliable human intelligence asset situated in the political wing of the PGM reported the details of last night's Cabinet meeting. According to this source, one Cabinet member argued that the PGM should dissolve the 1998 Agreement and demand more autonomy from Arcadia. The proposal was put to a vote and failed 5-15. After the vote, 3 Cabinet members stormed out. Our asset was not in the room and did not know the identities of the dissenting members. But he told us that he heard it directly from a Cabinet Member who was in the room.

Our partners in Bandarian intelligence assess that Jones is more concerned for his safety than usual because he started travelling with a larger security detail. However, he continues to operate effectively.

Finally, we received signals intelligence between PGM Cabinet Member William Spaniel and rebel commander James Ashworth two days before the meeting took place. During the call, Spaniel expressed clear frustrations with the PGM leadership. He stated of other Cabinet members, "Many of them are cowards. They support my position, but they are afraid of what Arcadia will do. Certainly, if we do what we must, blood will be spilt. But I know it will be limited. I know in our heart that we have allies to the North, they will not let us go under."

Source D: NSA transcripts produced on request from CIA.

D1: On June 20th at 6pm, the NSA intercepted the following conversation between the Office of the PGM's Political Representative in Arcadia [James North] and the Office of the Arcadian Foreign Minister.

Arcadian FM Office: Good afternoon.

PGM Secretary: I am calling from the Office of His Excellency North, representative of the PGM. It is in regarding a meeting between Mr. North and the Arcadian Foreign Minister.

Arcadian FM Office: That Meeting is scheduled for June 14th at 11am.

PGM Secretary: Yes, something urgent has arisen. His excellency respectfully requests the meeting be pushed up. Is the Foreign Minister available now?

Arcadian FM Office: The Minister has left for the day, I can contact him and have him return your call.

PGM Secretary: Mr. North would like to stress that the matter is urgent. If you fail to contact the Minister, he would like to speak with the Deputy Foreign Minister if he becomes available.

Arcadian FM Office: I understand, I will relay the message.

Note: The NSA has been unable to decipher the transcripts of other calls made by James North or his staff over the last 48 hours. However, metadata confirms that North received two unusually long telephone calls from numbers inside Greywall and made an unusually large number of personal calls to Arcadian numbers.

D2: At 4am June 21, the NSA intercepted a call from the Arcadian prime minister to the Bandarian Prime Minister. The call was heavily encrypted and the NSA could not decipher it. The call lasted about 15 minutes.

D3: At 6 am June 21th, the NSA intercepted the following telephone conversation between the Arcadian Minister of the Interior (Person A) and his Senior Adviser (Person B).

Person B: Sir, I am collecting those documents now and returning to the Office. Can I get anything else for you.

Person A: Hurry back it is going to be a busy day. Finally, those dogs got what was coming to them. I always

[Missing data]

I guess we will just see.

Person B: Yes sir.

D4: At 10:14pm on June 20, the NSA intercepted the following transcript between Andrew Jones (person A) and his son Bryson Jones. (person B).

Person A: Bryson, I need you to do something for me.

Person B: Sure dad, what's up.

Person A: Go to your mother's house, get her and drive north.

Person B: Is everything ok, dad?

Person A: Just go now. Get your mother. Say nothing. Just go.

Source E: Newspaper report from the Arcadian Times. 6 am June 21st.

We're Under Attack! Bandaria and the PGM launch the deadliest attack in decades.

Hours ago, our nation suffered several, highly coordinated terrorist attacks. The damage was enormous. 1000s of Arcadian citizens have died, and several children have been taken hostage.

Before the dust had settled, the perpetrators broadcast the following message across the internet in a video:

"For too long, Greywall has suffered while the rest of Arcadia prospers. No more. Within one week, Arcadia must give up control over Greywall once and for all. Only then can the people of Greywall prosper as a proud independent people. If Arcadia fails to act in time, they will suffer as we have suffered. We are not afraid to die. But blood will be spilt on your side."

These cowards hid their faces. But it is clear who they are: The PGM. In the video they brandish standard PGM uniforms and weapons.

The PGM leader, Andrew Jones, has been notably silent. He has not released a statement. In fact, our sources in Greywall say that Jones is nowhere to be found. This coward won't even come out and admit what he has done.

This attack is a dramatic escalation from the PGM attacks in March this year. All those involved must be brought to justice.