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**Global Intelligence**
- Defiant pro-democracy demonstrators remained on the streets of Hong Kong's financial center early Monday, after a day of protest-fueled clashes that left at least 38 people injured. Despite calls from organizers for them to return home, many of the protesters were set to continue to jam streets of the business district. The sometimes violent demonstrations follow a week of student-led boycotts and protests against what many see as the encroachment of China's political will on Hong Kong's governance. They were responding to China's decision to allow only Beijing-vetted candidates to stand in the city's elections for chief executive, Hong Kong's top civil position.

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- Four environmental groups have won a temporary injunction to stop exploratory work by TransCanada to develop a port in Cacouna, near Rivière-du-Loup, on the Saint Lawrence River. The groups argued the TransCanada pipeline project threatens a nursing ground for beluga whales. On Tuesday, a Quebec Superior Court judge suspended the certificate of approval issued by the province and ordered all work to stop immediately. The judge found that Quebec’s environment minister, David Heurtel, made an error in granting the permit, saying he did not have enough information to do so.

- A farming company in Kern County, California, has sued four oil producers over claims that their faulty wastewater injection methods led to the contamination of groundwater it uses for irrigation. Palla Farms’ suit alleges that the four oil companies—Crimson Resource Management Corp., Dole Enterprises Inc., E&B Natural Resources Management Corp. and San Joaquin Facilities Management Inc.—violated state
environmental regulations when disposing of produced water, drilling mud, and flowback water from fracking, which led to the contamination of the groundwater.

- A Denmark resident sued Vestas, a Danish wind turbine manufacturer for loss of property values due to visual interference, inconvenience caused by the noise of the blades and light reflection. They were awarded 500,000 Danish kroner (£53,000) in compensation for the loss, eight turbines are visible from the owner’s house.

- A non-binding resolution by the Bridgeport (CT) City Council, calling for the retirement of the state’s largest coal-fired power plant is being hailed by activists as a step that will encourage other residents and officials to see the momentum and call for the plant's retirement as well.

- The President of UGA has announced that the school is replacing its coal-fired boiler with an electrode boiler.

- Greenpeace activists halted a freight train carrying 1,500 tons of coal to a Cottam power station in Britain. The activists said they had enough food and water to occupy the train for the one-day UN climate summit in New York.

- In an effort to make ALEC membership a campaign issue, a progressive contender for one of Frederick County, MD’s state Senate seats is striving to spotlight his Republican rival’s job with the Council.

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- Five activists were arrested at the construction site of US Oil Sands’ tar sands strip-mine in Utah’s Book Cliffs. A crowdfunding effort is in place to raise their bail money and legal funds.

- Greenpeace UK held a fundraising event in London to pay for the Arctic Sunrise’s needed repairs. Arctic Sunrise is the Greenpeace ship that was impounded by the Russian government after Russian Special Forces stopped Greenpeace activists from boarding a Russian oil rig.

- “No nukes” and “we don’t need nuclear power” shouted thousands of Japanese people marching in Tokyo on Tuesday. The catalyst for the march was the decision, earlier in September by Japan’s Nuclear Regulation Authority (NRA), to restart two reactors at the Sendai plant in southern Japan. Weekly protests outside Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe’s official residence mushroomed, with more than 16,000 activists filling the streets of the Japanese capital city on Tuesday. They carried signs asking “What’s your anti-disaster plan?”

- Elena Polisano, Arctic campaigner at Greenpeace, told PRWeek that Greenpeace held creative sessions for its members to develop and escalate its campaign against Shell and Lego. Greenpeace wants Lego to end a partnership with Shell that has already seen 16 million Shell-branded Lego toys sold in petrol stations.

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**Agribusiness**

- About $3 million has been raised by both sides in Oregon’s upcoming referendum on labeling food made with genetically modified organisms. The “Yes on 92” campaign, the largest of the proponents, began airing two advertisements this week, one with farm families and another with a scientist from Consumer Reports. The scientist, Michael Hansen says labeling will not increase food costs. The No on 92 campaign has raised about $1 million.

- U.S. and Japanese negotiators made no progress on agricultural and automotive trade issues in talks this week, clouding the outlook for a Trans-Pacific Partnership.
A new strain of avian influenza called H5N6 is spread across southeast Asia and threatens animal health as well as the livelihood of farmers, said the UN Food and Agriculture Organization, in calling for close monitored of the disease. H5N6 was found in China in April and has been detected in Vietnam and Laos since then. FAO said the “bird flu” was highly pathogenic among chickens and geese, making it a peril for farmers.

A federal court jury convicted Stewart Parnell, former owner of Peanut Corp of America, of conspiracy, fraud and other charges “in a groundbreaking case stemming from a salmonella outbreak,” said CNN. “The guilty verdict marks the first federal felony conviction for a company executive in a food safety case.” Parnell and his brother, Michael, a food broker, were accused of shipping salmonella-infected products.

The spectre of renewed dairy protests has edged closer following a milk crisis meeting in Wales, held against the backdrop of the latest round of price cuts this week in the United Kingdom.

The minimum wage for agricultural workers in Scotland will increase by 15p/hour to £7.14 from 1 October 2014. The Scottish Agricultural Wages Board announced the changes, which bring the minimum wage for a 39-hour week to £278.46 for workers employed for more than 26 weeks.

The GMO-labeling movement has gained notable mainstream coverage this week as the co-founder of the group Mom’s Across America was featured in an interview on the Dr. Oz Show on, September 22, 2014. The conversation covered developments on GMO and pesticide use, particularly focusing on the recent approval of the Enlist Duo 2,4-D pesticide by the USDA.

On Monday, September 22, 2014, the Seattle City Council approved an ordinance that bans the use of neonicotinoids and products containing neonicotinoids. This is the largest city to date to pass this sort of pesticide ban in the United States.

The Global March Against Chemtrails and Geoengineering took place on Saturday September 27, 2014 in countries all around the world. The march has focused much attention on biotech and other big agribusiness companies that activist claim are responsible for geoengineering activity.

Last week, Monga Bay reported that five palm oil giants have announced an immediate moratorium on palm oil produced via deforestation of potential high carbon forests. The palm oil producers include Asian Agri, IOI Corporation Berhad, Kuala Lumpur Kepong (KLK) Berhad, Musim Mas Group and Sime Darby Plantation. The moratorium is set to be in effect until a one-year study can be carried out to determine what constitutes high carbon forests.

Reuters reported on September 26, 2014 that an unapproved, experimental GM wheat strain developed by Monsanto had been found to be growing in a field in Montana. Trials of this strain had been conducted between 2000 and 2003. Officials report they are unaware of how the GM strain escaped the trial fields.

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• The FBI and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security recently warned of an increase in insider threats from disgruntled current and former employees in the healthcare industry.

• Owensboro Medical Practice is currently conducting an internal investigation into a data breach that exposed 3,000 patients’ data.

• Technology is a propulsive force essential to combating fraud against America’s cornerstone industries, from credit cards to banking to investments and insurance. Tech weaponry can identify insurance schemes, expose their inner workings, and uncover material evidence that helps break open the plots.

• On August 11th, law enforcement contacted CareCentrix and informed them that a former employee had been arrested on July 18, and at that time, had been found in possession of PHI of certain individuals. Such information may have included names, dates of birth, social security numbers, health plan insurance numbers, and/or types of home care services, equipment, or supplies.

• The personal information of more than 10,000 patients was recently exposed online due to an error by medical billing services provider PST Services, a subsidiary of McKesson.

• HiTRUST released its monthly Cyber Threat Intelligence and Incident Coordination Center (C3) report on September 19th, which looked at two of the biggest incidents in healthcare in August: the Community Health Systems, Inc. (CHSI) data breach and the HealthCare.gov malware hack.

• As healthcare organizations continue to move on from pager-based clinical messaging and begin to take advantage of smart phone technology, ensuring staff members are communicating securely remains a high-level priority.

• The Food and Drug Administration is ramping up efforts to strengthen the security of medical devices. For example, it’s collaborating on the development of a risk assessment framework to enable healthcare sector stakeholders to identify cybersecurity vulnerabilities and mitigate the risks.

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Activism

• Activists will conduct a protest against the World Bank on October 10th in Washington, DC. They claim that the World Bank is systematically impoverishing millions through the implementation of draconian policies in order to enrich multinational corporations.

• Housing activists will conduct a rally in support of “tenant protections” on Tuesday, September 30th at Oakland City Hall in Oakland, CA.

• Housing activists in Chicago, IL held an eviction blockade on September 25th at the home of a local homeowner facing eviction from a reverse mortgage company.

• Housing activists on September 27th staged a walk-through in the Richmond district of San Francisco, CA in protest against evictions and speculators.
An activist authored a petition urging a U.S. teachers’ pension fund management company to divest from fossil fuels.

Local activists held a protest against the planned closure of a leading U.K bank branch in Kirton, Lincolnshire, UK on September 26th.

Housing activists in Detroit, MI will conduct an anti-foreclosure protest against the two GSEs for housing and the Federal Housing Finance Agency at the Detroit Public Library on October 2nd.

An anti-fracking protest will occur on October 11th in London, UK in which participants will use props to transform a local bank branch into a "live fracking site."

An online petition calls for a leading U.S. bank to overhaul its procedure for dealing with accounts that belong to victims of domestic violence. The petition, initiated by an alleged victim of domestic abuse, asks the bank to remove her from the Chex system after financial abuse by her husband.

A housing activist group will conduct an “educational spectacle” event on October 31st as part of the annual Hollywood Halloween Street Fair event in West Hollywood, CA. Participants will negatively portray banks and their roles in issues including: foreclosure, student debt, corporate influence in democracy, climate change, homelessness, rental market bubble, and exploitation of the labor class.

Information Security Risk

Hackers on September 25th claimed to have launched a cyber-attack on the network of a leading U.S. bank with the ‘Strudal Package,’ allegedly affecting the site's availability.

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Federal security agencies warned retailers Wednesday, September 24th, that a previously unseen malicious software program they are calling Mozart was used in the attack on a leading U.S. home retailer company earlier this year. Mozart was a phrase that appeared in the malware's code and appeared to be a reference to a directory on the attacker's system. Additional malware attributes indicate Mozart was customized in its attack against the retailer.

A Greek security researcher discovered a strain of malware which is a combination of AutoIT software and a commercial Keylogger named Limitless Keylogger. The researcher said Limitless Keylogger is used to intercept every keystroke users input and send them back to the attackers via email, meanwhile AutoIT was adopted in order to evade detection by Antivirus programs.

A U.S. restaurant chain confirmed that a break-in at one of its payment vendors jeopardized customer credit and debit card information at 216 stores. In a statement the sandwich shop said that credit and debit card data was compromised after an intruder stole login credentials from the company’s point-of-sale vendor and used these credentials to remotely access the point-of-sale systems at some corporate and franchised locations between June 16, 2014 and September 5, 2014.
Legal, Litigation, Regulatory Risk

- The Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) is investigating six global banks for their potential role in rigging the Libor, pressuring the banks to agree to record fines totaling nearly $3 billion.

- A leading U.S. bank was ordered to pay a $9 million penalty, and, return $48 million back to harmed investors for the bank’s role in billing customers for “ad-ons” included in its mortgage contracts before customers began using the services.

- Occupy Wall Street created a webpage with functionality that allows individuals to submit financial donations to help pay for arrested activists' bail expenses and legal fees, primarily in NYC.

Operational Risk

- A leading Iraqi Government official told media representatives at the United Nations Thursday, September 25th, that Iraqis uncovered an ISIS plot to launch imminent terror attacks on subways in the U.S. and in Paris. The official did not specify which U.S. subways were in the crosshairs of ISIS.

- Occupy Wall Street (OWS) hosted a planning assembly on September 26th in NYC to plan OWS next steps in unifying the 99% against the 1%. Topics of discussion included: housing, health care, education, environment, the prison/military industrial complex, corporatism, and money influencing politics.

- Occupy Central’s (OC) co-founder states that “thousands” of Occupy Central members/supporters will attend the upcoming pro-democracy sit-in within Hong Kong’s financial district, likely on October 1st. Additionally, participants will discuss ideas for a “Hong Kong Charter” of rights and functions that will provide for the election of a "shadow chief executive." The role of the shadow chief executive, elected in an unofficial poll, will be to "monitor and speak out on the actions of the real chief executive," who OC criticizes "will continue to be selected by a small-circle process."

Reputational Risk

- An environmental activist provided commentary on the UN Climate Summit in New York City and highlighted that a leading U.S. bank has been the number one funder of mountain-top removal (MTR) coal mining, yet was made to be a leader of the Sustainable Energy for All Initiative. The author requested that on behalf of the Free UN Coalition for Access, 14 corporations, including the suspect MTR financial institution, held a question and answer session during the summit.

- A leading U.S. bank is taking criticism for ignoring New York City’s attempts to collaborate with the bank to resolve its abandoned, “zombie” home problem, which the city states is costing New York taxpayers millions of dollars.

- Several leading U.S. banks are being scrutinized for not effectively implementing data breach mitigation technologies into their payment cards after millions of them were compromised from a recent cyber-attack on a leading U.S. home retailer.

- A Bitcoin workshop will occur October 5-7, 2014 in Las Vegas, NV to include multiple lectures on how to use cryptosecurities to disrupt Wall Street and prime brokers.

Global Intelligence
China


- On 9/23/2014, a Chinese news outlet reports the 360 Security intercepted a malicious trojan in the fee-charging malware family dubbed as the "Single Male Killer". These malwares disguised as adult-theme applications to lure users to download and install. Once installed, these malwares are able to send unauthorized text messages and cause increase of user phone bills. Besides that, some of these malwares are also able to send out malicious ads and obtains current user location.

- On 9/23/2014, a Chinese news outlet reports data from 360 Security shows an increase of 5057 phishing sites on September 22 in China.

- On 9/24/2014, a Chinese technology news outlet reports a malware disguised as China UnionPay application and deceived users to enter credit card information.

- On 9/25/2014, a Chinese news outlet reports the source of large-scale DDoS attacks are web servers that have been breached and injected with malicious code, so hackers could exploit the servers as bots to launch attacks.

Germany

- German router manufacturer AVM cautions that criminals are trying to exploit unpatched Fritzbox routers. A vulnerability was detected last February, which could lead to fraudulent charges for online phone calls. The vulnerability was patched with a security update. However, AVM reported that the company sees evidence for criminals actively searching for unpatched systems.

- On 9/22/2014 BBC News reported that 2,000 workers at four Amazon warehouses in Germany have gone on strike until 9/23/2014 in a dispute over pay and working conditions. Staff at Amazon's plants at Leipzig, Bad Herfeld, and Graben and Rheinberg will be on strike until 9/23/2014.

India

- On 9/25/2014 Times Union reported that India's prime minister launched a campaign to entice investment and promote the country as the world's next cheap labor economy. The "Make in India" campaign, complete with a slick web page and a logo depicting a prowling lion, is as much an advertisement as a promise to streamline bureaucracy and become more investor friendly.

Korea

- On 9/24/2014 Korea IT Times reported that Hyundai Motor's labor union in Seoul, Korea decided to stage partial strikes by 9/26/2014 after it failed to settle its wage talks with the management. The labor union said on 9/23/2014 that about 13,000 first-shift workers at the Ulsan factory will stage partial strike for two hours starting from 1:30 pm, followed by another one by about 10,000 second-shift workers starting from 10:10 pm. Other union workers at Jeonju and the Asan plants, sales and repair staff, and Namyang Research Center will also stage partial strike for two hours on the same day. Hyundai Motor's labor union will also stage partial strike for two hours each for first and second shift workers on September 24 and four hours each on September 25 and 26.

Malaysia

- On 9/17/2014, a Malaysian news outlet reports the symptoms of Ebola virus is similar to the symptoms of dengue fever, according to the Health Minister of Malaysia.

- On 9/18/2014, a Malaysian news outlet reports the Sarawak (Borneo Malaysia) division of MTUC expressing concerns over 24/7 work hours and against it.
- On 9/19/2014, a Malaysian news outlet reports MTUC criticized that employers in electronics industry strongly resistant to the formation of unions and even had sacked several workers who attempted to set up unions.

- On 9/19/2014, a Malaysian news outlet reports International Labour Organisation urges Malaysian government to end forced labor and improve the labor condition in electronic industry in Malaysia.

- On 9/19/2014, a Malaysian news outlet reports Penang is still covered in a blanket of haze and its air pollution index remains at "moderate" over the past three months.

- On 9/24/2014, a Malaysian news outlet reports eliminate the third party in hiring foreign workers and adopt direct hiring by the employers will curb the abuse of foreign workers.

**North America**

- On 9/23/2014 Times Union reported that GlobalFoundries' effort to acquire IBM's microchip manufacturing operations appeared to be heating up. The two businesses are reportedly working with an arbitrator this week to hash out a $2 billion handshake agreement to have GlobalFoundries take over IBM's chip manufacturing. GlobalFoundries also recently opened a 1,500 square-foot office less than five miles away from IBM's computer chip factory in Essex Junction, Vt.

- On 9/23/2014 Portland Business Journal reported that a bevy of tech companies, including Intel and eBay, have joined the 200-plus Oregon businesses leading the charge against the effects of climate change.

- On 9/23/2014 ABC News reported Cisco began laying off employees at its Research Triangle Park campus, NC on 9/23/2014. Cisco has confirmed it is cutting jobs but wouldn't tell ABC11 how many layoffs are happening there.

- On 9/24/2014 FEDweek reported that the U.S. Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit recently ruled that a flexible work hours schedule known as "maxiflex" can be a reasonable accommodation, holding that "nothing in the Rehabilitation Act says "as a matter of law, that a maxiflex work schedule is unreasonable." It reversed a lower court's dismissal of Solomon's EEO complaint against USDA for failing to accommodate her disability. Solomon v. Vilsack, Appeal No. 1:087-cv-01590 (August 15, 2014).

- On 9/25/2014 Fortune reported that a new study shows that one place where gender diversity seems to be flourishing is on the boards of large U.S. companies. The Institutional Shareholder Services (ISS) reported that in 2014 almost 30% of new board nominees for S&P 500 companies have been women, which is up from just 15% in 2008.

**Switzerland**

- On 9/21/2014 The American Genius reported on how the company Victorinox, the creator of the Swiss Army Knife, claims to have never laid off a single employee in it's 130 years of business. The article stated that the company has prepared, planned, and stuck money under the mattress during boom periods to avoid layoffs during recessions. According to the article, during recessions, the company outsources labor to contract employees so they never have to axe core staff.

**Vietnam**

- On 9/20/2014 Vietnam.Net, a local media source, reported that the average monthly income of a Vietnamese worker was 4.6 Million VND in the second quarter of the year. The figure includes the total monthly income Vietnamese workers receive, including salary or wages from their main job, additional income for extra working hours, and allowances. The average monthly income quoted was 0.2 million VND lower than the income reported in the first quarter. The highest average monthly income was 7.7 million VND.
offered to managers, while highly qualified technical workers received 6.5 million VND and untrained workers 3 million VND.

- On 9/22/2014 Vietnam+ reported that Saigon Semiconductor Technology Inc. has been awarded an investment certificate to build a factory in Ho Chi Minh City's District 9 that cost more than 257.5 million USD for making semiconductor integrated circuits. The investor has established a firm specializing in semiconductor technology to construct its manufacturing facility over an area covering two hectares at an estimated cost of over 257.5 million USD to supply ICs to the telecommunication sector. All products manufactured by the factory aim to meet the domestic demand, replace imported products and set the cornerstone for developing the semiconductor industry in Vietnam.

- On 9/25/2014 ChaoBuoiSang.Net, a local VNese media source, reported that Vietnam attracted $11.18 billion USD in foreign direct investment (FDI) in the first nine months of this year, or 74.5% of FDI in the same period last year. The article noted that the biggest projects included: Samsung Display Bac Ninh Company's $1 billion USD plant; Dai An Vietnam-Canadian International Hospital $225 million USD; and, Texhong Group of China's $215 million USD investment at Texhong Hai Ha Industrial Park.

Legal and Regulations

- Pinterest announced plans to make “Promoted Pins” available to more than just the handful of big brands that have been helping the company to test its ad product since last fall. The company expects to ultimately offer advertisers pay-per-click arrangements like the ones available to purchasers of Google’s sponsored search results, and is amending its privacy policy to state, among other things, that Pinterest may collect information about its users from its advertisers and in connection with its advertisers’ websites and apps.

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- After weeks of anticipation, U.S. Treasury officials tightened tax rules to thwart U.S.
companies from moving their legal headquarters to lower-tax countries. The move came amid growing concern over so-called tax inversions that effectively reduce federal revenue and have been increasingly popular in the pharmaceutical industry.

- As part of a coordinated effort between SAEN - Stop Animal Exploitation Now, The Bunny Alliance, and Gateway to Hell, activists around the world are taking action against laboratories and the airlines that transport animals for them during Primate Liberation Week (October 11-16).

### Retail

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- On 9/24/2014, several news outlets reported that shares of Apple were under pressure since it was alleged that the latest iPhone 6 series devices tended to bend. Shares of Apple closed Thursday down $3.88, or 3.8%, to $97.87 and has now lost $23 billion since the iPhone 6 was released on Sept. 19.

- Japan Times reported that Starbucks plans to spend $913.5 million on taking full ownership of its Japanese operations, a move it says will allow it to tap further into its second-largest market.

- The Telegraph [UK] reported that Tesco, Britain's biggest retailer, has suspended four senior executives after uncovering a "serious issue" with its accounts that means profits for the last six months have been overstated by £250m.

### Technology

- Networking site Ello experienced its first major outage, suffering a Distributed Denial of Service attack that brought it down for approximately 45 minutes. The company says that it was able to fix the issue by blocking the IP addresses responsible for the attack.

- An Israel-based startup focused on automotive cyber security. Announced on Monday that it has raised $4 million in a Series A round of funding. The funding will be used to support the development of its automotive security solutions and market reach. A number of security researchers have demonstrated the ability hack into modern vehicles to manipulate steering, acceleration, speedometers and safety sensors, sparking concerns that malicious attackers could use similar techniques to compromise a vehicle's Electronic Control Units (ECUs) allowing manipulation of a car's engine, brakes, airbags and other safety systems or vehicle components.

- The Chinese military has an a team of hackers attacking Taiwan's government websites daily.

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Entertainment

• Community members of Ferguson, Missouri are saying that as long as the justice is both delayed and denied after the shooting death of Michael Brown by police officer Darren Wilson; it is obscene for the NFL games to go on in St. Louis as usual. A call has gone out by community organizers to protest outside last Sunday’s game between the St. Louis Rams and the Dallas Cowboys at the Edward Jones Dome in St. Louis. Protestors are also trying to get tickets donated to them so they can make their way inside the stadium to let their voices be heard.

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• The Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department and the Los Angeles Police Department, along with police in New York, Chicago and Washington, have launched pilot programs to test body-worn cameras for wider deployment. But equipping police with such devices also raises new and unsettled issues over privacy at a time when many Americans have been critical of the kind of powerful government surveillance measures that technology has made possible. For many departments, questions remain about when officers should be allowed to turn off such cameras — especially in cases involving domestic violence or rape victims — and the extent to which video could be made public.

• More than 1,000 activists blocked parts of Broadway in Manhattan’s financial district on September 22 in a sit-in to protest what they see as corporate and economic institutions’ role in the climate crisis. The demonstration was overly confrontational, with many participants deliberately risking arrest by obstructing traffic in the heart of
the nation's financial capital. Over 100 people, including a person wearing a white polar bear suit, were arrested after they refused to leave Broadway near Wall Street. Most of the arrests were for disorderly conduct.