FBI turns up heat on Mike Adams as 'Health Ranger' fiasco widens, plus Adams' archive

Last week, Mike Adams, the founder and editor of NaturalNews.com–a favorite site of Dr. Oz and anti-GMO campaigners, from Vandana Shiva to Center for Food Safetey's Andrew Kimbrell to the Food Babe to Jeffrey Smith, but also dubbed by scientists and journalists as the number one anti-science site in cyberspace–launched an all out offensive against crop biotechnology.

Adams posted a <u>screed on his website</u> (this pre-censored post, since <u>sanitized by Adams</u>, has been preserved on the wayback machine archives) attacking supporters of genetic engineering as modern day Nazis, suggesting that anti-GMO activists should consider murdering scientists and journalists for their crimes against humanity. Adams then alerted readers to another site, <u>Monsanto Collaborators</u>, which was more or less a handy online list of these so-called 'Nazi perpetrators"–aka <u>scientists</u>, journalists and news organizations that believe biotechnology can play a constructive role in farming–for crazies who might want to follow Adams' marching orders and begin assassinations. I was prominently mentioned by Adams, no doubt because of the scathing Adams <u>profile</u> and <u>fact sheet</u> summary GLP posted in April.

Adams alerted readers to this new "collaborators" site, claiming he had <u>nothing</u> at all to do with it, but urging everyone to read it nonetheless. Not surprisingly, anti-GMO philosopher <u>Vandana Shiva</u>, <u>linked</u> to the Adams story on one of her sites (Shiva took down the incendiary Adams post on July 28, but an archived version of it has been preserved <u>here</u>.)

Needless to say, the last week and Adams' anti-<u>GMO</u> offensive have not unfolded as Adams had anticipated. Keith Kloor, a science writer with a blog on Discover, has written a series of articles on the Adams fiasco, documenting the train wreck as it unfolded: <u>here</u>, <u>here</u>, and <u>here</u>.

But more interesting is the fact that it's now clear that Adams was behind the Monsanto Collaborators site. Analyses by the GLP, geneticist Karl Haro von Mogel and most extensively by the website This Week in Pseudo Science have demonstrated that the NaturalNews.com coding signatures—akin to a DNA match—are all over the Monsanto Collaborators site, which was actually registered hours before Adams' first attack column was published. In sum: Adams has been busted. He published both sites. He's also <u>launched</u> two other slander and pseudo sites designed to promote himself and his products while trying to hammer critics.

Adams tried to cleanse his original NaturalNews.com post calling for the killing of scientists and journalists and is now blocking access to the Monsanto Collaborators site, which he claims was actually set up by Monsanto and its supporters to discredit him and other anti-GMO activists, but the truth is out and the damage has been done. The U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation, besieged by complaints from targets and the science and journalism communities, immediately launched an investigation of Adams and the site, with Adams facing possible felony charges of inciting violence (if he lived in a Europe or a Commonwealth country like the U.K., he would probably already have been served).

As the list of cyber stories on this still developing story, posted below, illustrates, the condemnation of Adams by mainstream journalists and scientists, including Paul Raeburn at <u>Knight Science Journalism</u> <u>Tracker</u>, has been overwhelming. Consensus: Adams is (in the words of scientist and blogger David Gorski) an <u>uber-quack</u>.

The issue here, of course, is not Adams. He is well known for his wildly popular fringe and inflammatory views, as his anti-science web site garners millions of hits every month. The real scandal is that what Adams writes about GMOs, including hyping the long discredited myth that GMOs are causing farmer suicides in India—is standard gruel for even so-called 'mainstream' and "responsible" anti-GMO activists.

In other words, Mike Adams is not an outlier in the anti-<u>GMO</u> movement...he is as mainstream as the Institute for Responsible Technology, Center for Food Safety, and sadly, even some environmental publications, on this issue, like Mother Jones. Their positions are grounded in ideology rather than science. That's the scandal.

Below are the links, including to archived posts that Adams tried to but failed to purge, of the growing Adams dust-up.

Original Monsanto Collaborators site (blocked/taken down by Adams):

http://web.archive.org/web/20140725171529/http://seedfreedom.in/biotech-genocide-monsanto-collaborators-and-the-nazi-legacy-of-science-as-justification-for-murder/

Adams' follow up post on NaturalNews saying he's not responsible for Collaborators page before he sanitized it:

http://web.archive.org/web/20140725133815/http://www.naturalnews.com/046147_Monsanto_Collaborators_

Also preserved in slightly altered form here: Tree of Liberty: http://www.thetreeofliberty.com/vb/showthread.php?t=202889

Adams busted: Analysis of coding of Monsanto Collaborators site showing a 'digital DNA match' between <u>NaturalNews.com</u> and the Collaborators site, meaning that Adams created the Collaborators site that he first disavowed, then blamed on Monsanto, then took down:

http://www.twipscience.org/news/2014/7/25/mike-adams-builds-a-naturalnews-nazi-time-machine

Attack articles on Adams-created propagandists, site, in which Jon Entine listed along with Magic Johnson

and others: http://propagandists.org/

Attack article on Jon Entine on Adams-created collaborators website, the first linked from Monsanto Collaborators page:

-http://truthwiki.org/Jon_Entine

-http://propagandists.org/propagandists/jon-entine/

Adams sets up two other propaganda sites to promote himself and attack critics: http://newsvoice.se/2014/07/28/mike-adams-starts-naturalwiki-and-truthwiki/

Adams again attacks GMOs, and Entine:

http://www.naturalnews.com/046194_agricultural_holocaust_GMOs_environmental_destruction.html

Adams junk science circulated by Vandana Shiva:

Vandana Shiva's Seed Freedom: <u>http://seedfreedom.in/biotech-genocide-monsanto-collaborators-and-the-nazi-legacy-of-science-as-justification-for-murder/, http://seedfreedom.in/tags/monsanto-collaborators</u> / [NOTE: Shiva took down mirrored site on on July 29, but a jpg of her pages on her site and on her Facebook site are preserved below]





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General articles and response on Adams fiasco:

Keith Kloor response (1) article <u>http://blogs.discovermagazine.com/collideascape/2014/07/22/mike-adams-</u>monsanto-nazis-disturbing-article/

Keith Kloor response (2): <u>http://blogs.discovermagazine.com/collideascape/2014/07/24/mike-adams-</u>elevates-ugly-anti-gmo-campaign/

Keith Kloor response (3): <u>http://blogs.discovermagazine.com/collideascape/2014/07/25/mike-adams-</u>capitalizes-myth-spread-vandana-shiva/#.U9KkgIBdX0I

Genetic Literacy Project follow: <u>https://geneticliteracyproject.org/2014/07/24/naturalnews-huckster-mike-adams-asks-anti-gmoers-to-kill-scientists-supporters-of-crop-biotech/</u>

GLP Updated Adams profile: <u>https://geneticliteracyproject.org/glp-articles/most-dangerous-anti-science-gmo-critic-meet-mike-adams-conspiracy-junkie-runs-alternative-health-empire/</u>

GLP Updated Fact Sheet on Adams: https://geneticliteracyproject.org/glp-facts/mike-adams/

Genetic Literacy Project Follow that Adams busted: <u>https://geneticliteracyproject.org/2014/07/25/mike-</u>adams-claims-monsanto-set-up-kill-gmo-supporters-website-as-scientists-journalists-face-death-threats/

Additional articles on unfolding Adams story:

RealClearScience: http://www.realclearscience.com/2014/07/24/antigmoer_asks_followers_to_kill_scientists_260167.html,

Kevin Folta Illumination blog "Do Not Stop Adams and Intimidation – Exploit It": http://kfolta.blogspot.com/2014/07/do-not-stop-adams-and-intimidation.html

Kevin Folta on Adams and Shiva: <u>http://kfolta.blogspot.com/2014/07/do-you-stand-with-adams-and-shiva.html</u>

Paul Raeburn, Knight Science Journalism at MIT: <u>https://ksj.mit.edu/tracker/2014/07/are-these-science-</u>writers-and-publications-facing-death-threats-for-covering-gmos/

David Ropeik's reflections: <u>http://bigthink.com/risk-reason-and-reality/a-current-example-of-frightening-</u>extremism-in-the-name-of-our-beliefs

Mother Jones: <u>http://www.motherjones.com/blue-marble/2014/07/popular-conspiracy-site-likens-pro-gmo-journalists-nazi-collaborators</u>

Forward Progressive "Natural News Founder Accuses Scientists of Genocide, Hints They Should be Killed, http://www.forwardprogressives.com/natural-news-founder-scientists-genocide-hints-killed

Forward Progressive after Adams was busted for claiming he had no connection to 'kill GMO suporters" site: <u>http://www.forwardprogressives.com/natural-news-owner-may-created-fake-holocaust-website-smear-critics/</u>

Joni Kamiya, Hawaii Farmer's Joni Kamiya, Hawaii Farmer's Daughter: http://hawaiifarmersdaughter.com/2014/07/29/afamilyfullofmisinformation/

Steven Novella/Neurologica: <u>http://theness.com/neurologicablog/index.php/mike-adams-is-a-dangerous-loon/</u>

David Gorski response (1): <u>http://scienceblogs.com/insolence/2014/07/25/how-they-view-us-mike-adams-and-kent-heckenlively-edition/</u>

David Gorski response (2): <u>http://www.sciencebasedmedicine.org/how-they-view-us-mike-adams-goes-off-</u>the-deep-end/

Progressive Contrarian: http://theprogressivecontrarian.com/2014/07/24/mike-adams-crazy-train-goes-off-the-tracks/

Ronald Bailey, Reason: http://reason.com/blog/2014/07/25/anti-biotech-nutcase-mike-adams-may-or-m

Sharon Hill, Doubtful News: <u>http://doubtfulnews.com/2014/07/mike-adams-insinuates-some-scientists-should-be-killed-then-looks-like-a-bigger-idiot/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=mike-adams-insinuates-some-scientists-should-be-killed-then-looks-like-a-bigger-idiot</u>

Dan Mitchell, Modern Farmer: http://modernfarmer.com/2014/07/natural-news-put-us-hit-list/

Mason Bilderberg, Illuminutti: http://illuminutti.com/2014/07/28/mike-adams-crossed-the-line-and-in-a-way-that-cant-be-ignored/

Nathanael Johnson, Grist: http://grist.org/food/heres-why-natural-news-is-neither/#.U9gTluZaiE0.twitter

Jenny Hopkinson, Politico: http://www.politico.com/morningagriculture/0714/morningagriculture14830.html

Center for Consumer Freedom: http://www.consumerfreedom.com/2014/07/will-anti-gmo-activist-spark-violence/

MuckRack: http://muckrack.com/link/oHM1I/mike-adams-elevates-his-ugly-anti-gmo-campaign

io9: http://io9.com/anti-gmo-activist-mike-adams-who-last-week-called-for-1611494619

Briefing Room, http://www.gopbriefingroom.com/index.php?topic=144353.0

Lipstick Alley: http://www.lipstickalley.com/showthread.php?p=18535513,

Democractic Under Ground http://www.democraticunderground.com/10025285078

Underground Forum http://www.mixedmartialarts.com/thread/2347751/Natural-News-Mike-Adams-makes-death-threats/?pc=2

Soap Box: http://thesoapboxrantings.blogspot.com/2014/07/mike-adams-crossed-line-and-in-way-that.html

Swallowing the Camel: <u>http://swallowingthecamel.wordpress.com/2014/07/26/the-health-ranger-might-want-to-kill-you/</u>

Violent Metaphors: http://violentmetaphors.com/2014/07/26/mike-adams-goes-too-far/