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1. [REDACTED] Bin Ladin is encouraging trafficking in narcotics to further his anti-West campaign. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Bin Ladin uses secret and commercial networks to smuggle narcotics to Central Asia, Russia, Europe, the Far East, and possibly the US. Bin Ladin presumably benefits from Afghanistan's burgeoning narcotics industry, which is supported by the Taliban.

[REDACTED]

--- The [REDACTED] shipments are flown to various international destinations, [REDACTED]

2. [REDACTED] Bin Ladin also is using commercial shipping companies [REDACTED] to move narcotics to international markets. [REDACTED]

3. [REDACTED] Bin Ladin last month encouraged [REDACTED] to smuggle narcotics to Central Asia, where Bin Ladin [REDACTED] has a narcotics trafficking apparatus in place that can ship the drugs to Europe and the US.

--- [REDACTED] Bin Ladin cooperated with [REDACTED] narcotics syndicate, to transport [REDACTED] of heroin and opium [REDACTED]

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