

Bin Ladin Pursuing Unconventional Weapons

[REDACTED] Bin Ladin is actively trying to extend his capability to target US interests with more sophisticated unconventional means than the crude attacks with toxic chemicals and biological materials already at his disposal. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Bin Ladin has an extensive program to develop or acquire chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear weapons and materials. [REDACTED] he now is working to put chemicals on rockets or possibly mortars.

— **[REDACTED] Bin Ladin has had chemical experts [REDACTED] for a year exploring the use of unspecified chemical weapons against our military forces in the region.**

— **[REDACTED] Bin Ladin's associates [REDACTED] were working to make more powerful bombs.**

[REDACTED]

— **[REDACTED] he has recruited foreign experts, has labs and storage sites in Afghanistan, and wants to use a fertilizer plant there to make chemical agents.**

— **[REDACTED] Bin Ladin has tried to acquire military-grade weapons and materials, primarily from countries of the former Soviet Union.**

Bin Ladin wants to drive US forces from the Gulf and could try unconventional attacks to advance this goal, including infiltrating secure facilities. [REDACTED]

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— **[REDACTED] Bin Ladin's operatives and other extremists are trained to make and use small amounts of toxic substances and poisonous gases—methods that would not kill large numbers of people but would have a psychological impact, especially if directed at civilians.**