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(13 February 1998) Terrorists seeking WMD capability

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Usama bin Ladin and other Islamic extremists met [REDACTED] and agreed to procure unspecified chemical, biological, and nuclear substances from open markets, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

- Before 1995, bin Ladin and his followers were trying to develop [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] allegedly to target US military installations in Saudi Arabia, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Bin Ladin has legitimate companies, business relationships, and a financial empire that could assist his pursuit of a chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear capability.

- The types of substances reportedly under development in the past by bin Ladin are consistent with those previously considered by other terrorists and extremists.

Bin Ladin and his associates [REDACTED] also agreed to expand narcotics exports to Europe and the US using legitimate businesses as conduits. Bin Ladin's foray into narcotics trafficking may be an effort to help the Taliban augment its finances. As an exile in Afghanistan, bin Ladin is dependent upon the goodwill of the Taliban.

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