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Afghanistan: Bin Ladin's Interest in Biological and Radiological Weapons [REDACTED]

Bin Ladin and his associates have experimented by crude means to make and deploy biological agents. [REDACTED] unsophisticated methods to produce botulinum toxin, ricin, and other toxins from plants and animals, [REDACTED] These recipes would yield quantities sufficient only for assassinations or small-scale poisonings, but [REDACTED] the recipes have been shared among extremists, including via the Internet. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Bin Ladin has sought to acquire military-grade biological agents or weapons. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] several possibilities exist.

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- [REDACTED]
- Bin Ladin's network might be experimenting with thermobaric munitions, which combine a propellant and metal particles—albeit not uranium—to produce blast waves significantly stronger than ones produced by conventional bombs of similar size.
- The least probable scenario is that Bin Ladin's organization is designing or testing an actual nuclear device. [REDACTED]

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