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Usama bin Ladin and a coalition of Islamic groups in London each have issued a fatwa or religious ruling pegged to the situation in Iraq calling for all Muslims to attack US interests and civilians worldwide until the US "retreats" from Saudi Arabia and "Palestine." Leaders of other militant groups, including the Egyptian al- Gama'at al-Islamiyya, the Egyptian al-Jihad, and the Pakistan-based Harakat ul- Ansar, signed bin Ladin's fatwa.

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