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(07 May 1999) Usama Bin Ladin: Vexing Taliban but Still Able To Mount Attacks

Taliban leader Mullah Omar is increasingly uncomfortable with Bin Ladin's presence and is considering ways to remove him from Afghanistan, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The Taliban, however, has not imposed new restrictions on Bin Ladin's operations or made specific plans to expel him.

- Taliban foreign relations director Jalil on Tuesday defended Bin Ladin and rebuffed demands for his expulsion [REDACTED]

The Taliban allows Bin Ladin to meet with his lieutenants and members of other extremist groups--contacts that enable him to continue directing terrorist operations. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Bin Ladin late last month met with Egyptian extremists.

- [REDACTED]

(07 May 1999) Bin Ladin Helping Taliban War Effort

Recent opposition gains increase the value to the Taliban of foreign mujahidin sponsored by Bin Ladin and make a Taliban move against him less likely in the near term. [REDACTED] more non-Afghan volunteers arrived in Afghanistan [REDACTED] for training and deployment to a Bin Ladin-affiliated frontline unit [REDACTED]

- Shia Hizbi Wahdat and Harakat-i-Islami fighters of the Northern Alliance last month recaptured the provincial capital of Bamian, and Northern Alliance commander Masood's forces early this week made strategic gains in Kondo Province, according to [REDACTED] press reports.

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