



Central Intelligence Agency

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SUBJECT: Potential Targets for Anti-US Attacks by Bin Ladin

1. Usama Bin Ladin in March called on "ulema, notables, merchants, and tribal chiefs" to form military units in preparation for a jihad in Saudi Arabia and last month said the results would be known "in a few weeks." Bin Ladin in a press conference last month said he intends to "destroy" US or allied military installations at 23 locations, including seven in Saudi Arabia.

— [redacted] indicates Bin Ladin is targeting these [redacted] installations, as well as civilian oil-related facilities and the royal palace in Jeddah.

— Bin Ladin may try multiple attacks, as he did in 1992, when he and Yemeni allies attempted three simultaneous attacks against US forces in Aden. [redacted]

2. US troops work in, pay port calls to, or are planning exercises at most of the locations listed by Bin Ladin; in addition, [redacted] have an airbase in [redacted] and [redacted] military equipment is used in [redacted]. Some of the [redacted] targets have been the objects of surveillance or planned attacks by [redacted] opposition elements, [redacted]

— [redacted] Bin Ladin is planning attacks on US personnel at a [redacted] hotel frequented by Americans, the US naval presence on [redacted] and the [redacted] port facility at [redacted]

— [redacted] Bin Ladin in the past year planned to attack US personnel in [redacted] but abandoned the effort [redacted]

3. [redacted] Bin Ladin is planning attacks in Pakistan, where he has a large concentration of followers, but recent arrests there may interfere with his plans. For the past four months, we have worked [redacted] to identify and arrest Bin Ladin supporters plotting to attack our Embassy [redacted].

4. Bin Ladin's target list includes [redacted] —four locations in [redacted], two islands in [redacted] and the [redacted] Bin Ladin has operatives in [redacted] and [redacted] it has operatives in eastern Africa. Bin Ladin may be able to call on Egyptian extremists—who are among his closest allies—to undertake attacks in [redacted]

5. Bin Ladin at his May press conference talked about "bringing the war home to America," possibly a call for attacks in the US [redacted] claimed Bin Ladin was planning an attack in the US or Saudi Arabia [redacted] June, but we have no information indicating that Bin Ladin has a terrorist network in the US [redacted]

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