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(30 June 2000) Bin Ladin: Resurgent Threat From Network in Levant

Bin Ladin operatives based in the Levant are rebuilding an infrastructure that could facilitate attacks against US and Israeli interests in the Middle East and Europe. They remain undaunted despite arrests and security crackdowns over the past six months that disrupted their activities in Lebanon, Syria, and Jordan.

- The resilience of Bin Ladin's network in the Levant mirrors what occurred in East Africa, where Bin Ladin's followers were able to attack two Embassies less than a year after his Kenyan cell was disrupted.

Two senior Bin Ladin associates involved in previous operational planning in Lebanon and Jordan--
--remain at large and presumably are positioned to have key roles in terrorist planning in these countries. Bin Ladin's operatives in were behind the threat to our Embassy in Jordan.

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