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(28 August 1998) Bin Ladin Terrorist Network Still a Threat

[REDACTED] Bin Ladin and other terrorist leaders based in Afghanistan survived the US strikes and their communications network remains intact. [REDACTED] training had resumed in some camps, and other camps were being moved, [REDACTED]

- Bin Ladin can call on a network of individuals and allied groups in at least 60 countries to conduct attacks.

Hours before the US missile strikes, Bin Ladin [REDACTED] was looking at options for further attacks against the US as well as the UK [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Bin Ladin did not indicate precise targets or timing.

- US officials recently assisted in the arrest of Bin Ladin operatives preparing attacks in Tirana and possibly Baku, but [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Bin Ladin intends to conduct attacks in Egypt, the Arabian Peninsula--especially Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, and Yemen--India, Pakistan, Uganda, and possibly Nigeria.

Bin Ladin's well-established infrastructure in North America, Europe, and East Asia lends credibility to reports that he also will target US interests in these regions. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Bin Ladin authorized him to explore attacks in the US.

- [REDACTED] earlier this year reported that Bin Ladin was considering attacks in the US.

- [REDACTED] our Embassy in [REDACTED] is a possible target, and [REDACTED] Bin Ladin-related threats against US facilities in [REDACTED]

Muslim extremist sympathizers, like the South African group suspected of the bombing in Cape Town on Tuesday, could attack of their own initiative. More than 80 threats to various US interests worldwide have been reported since the missile strikes in Afghanistan and Sudan.

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