

# On the trail of terror

U.S. officials are piecing together a case linking Osama bin Laden and his *al Qaeda* terrorist organization to the worst terrorist attack in history. Agents – who have identified five suspect hijackers with links to bin Laden – believe the complexity of the attack required massive financial sponsorship

## Al-Quds al-Arabi



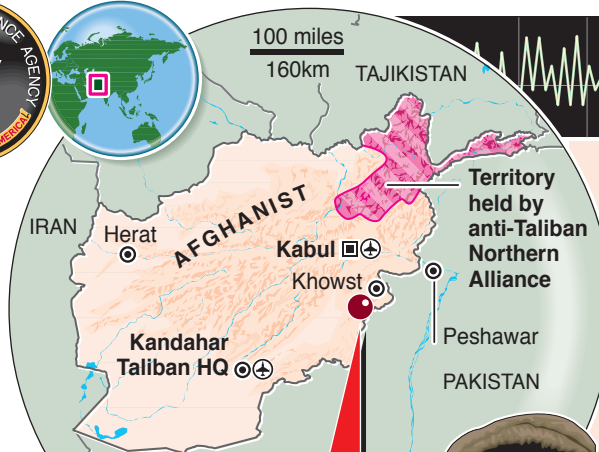
### The bin Laden connection:

Arab journalist with access to bin Laden warns *Al-Quds al-Arabi* newspaper in August of an "unprecedented attack" on U.S. interests.

**CIA, FBI and National Security Agency** receive general warnings of possible terrorist activity



**Zhawar Kili Al-Badr:** Bin Laden's training camps for 2,000 people. Extensive rehearsal required to co-ordinate four simultaneous hijackings. Attacks believed to have been mounted by team of 20-25 terrorists, assisted by "sleeper" agents in United States



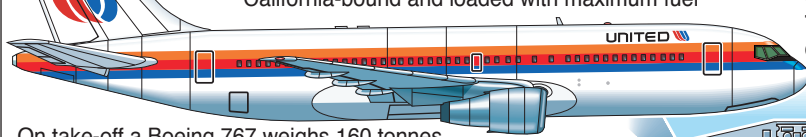
**Evidence:** Name of suspect hijacker found on passenger manifest.

**U.S. intelligence** intercepts call between bin Laden supporters saying they had hit two targets in America.

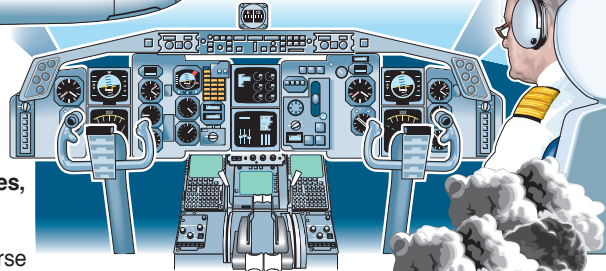
Flight training manuals and fuel calculators found in car abandoned at Boston's Logan Airport



**Choice of aircraft:** All aircraft were California-bound and loaded with maximum fuel

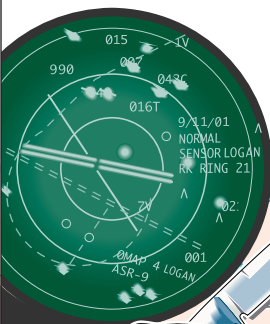


**Cockpits:** Identical on both 757 and 767 – aircraft designed so that pilots can easily learn to fly both



On take-off a Boeing 767 weighs 160 tonnes, including 45 tonnes of kerosene-based jet fuel, which on impact instantly becomes an atomised high explosive. A 757 weighs up to 100 tonnes, including 30 tonnes of fuel

**Hijack:** Three to five-member terrorist teams, armed with knives, believed to have hijacked each aircraft. Radar tapes from Boston Centre show aircraft changing course shortly after takeoff, but pilots unable to activate four-digit hijack code



**Passenger calls:** Harrowing cell phone calls from victims aboard airliners describe teams of up to five hijackers in cabins, stabbing flight attendants and herding passengers to rear of aircraft

