

# Fatah al-Islam factfile

► Faction split in 2006 from Syrian-backed Palestinian group *Fatah al-Intifada*, itself a breakaway from *Yasser Arafat's Fatah Movement*

► Based in *Nahr al-Bared* Palestinian refugee camp – has over 200 fighters

► Allegedly linked to Syrian intelligence

► Lebanese government claims four Syrian members of Fatah al-Islam confessed to February bus bombings which killed three people in Christian area near Beirut



► **Shaker al-Abssi:** Fatah al-Islam's leader (*above*), sentenced to death in Jordan for alleged involvement – with former leader of *al-Qaeda* in Iraq, **Abu Musab al-Zarqawi** – in 2002 murder of U.S. diplomat **Laurence Foley**