

# Al Qaeda's havens of instability

## Afghan-Pakistan border

Al Qaeda leaders **Osama bin Laden** and **Ayman al-Zawahiri** believed to be hiding in Tribal Areas. **Afghan Taliban**, **Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan** and **East Turkestan Islamic Movement** based in Waziristan. Al Qaeda-linked Pakistani groups **Harakat ul-Mujahideen**, **Jaish-e-Mohammed**, **Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT)** active in Pakistani Kashmir. LeT carried out November 2008 attack on Indian city of Mumbai, killing 175 people



## Yemen

### **Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula**

formed 2009 by Yemeni and Saudi jihadists. Fears it could attract militants from Somalia and Pakistan



## Sahara region

**Al Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb** grew out of Algerian resistance movement in 2006. Strongholds largely confined to desert area of Mali, but AQIM cells have been uncovered in Spain and France

## Somalia

**Al Shabaab**, Al Qaeda-affiliated group controls most of capital Mogadishu and south of country