

# Anwar al-Awlaki profile

■ **1971:** Born to Yemeni parents in U.S. state of New Mexico. Returns to Yemen at age seven

■ **1991:** Returns to U.S. to gain degree in civil engineering from Colorado State University, and master's in education at San Diego

■ **1994-2002:** Preaches at mosques in Denver, San Diego, and Falls Church, Virginia. **Two of those mosques attended by three 9/11 hijackers**

■ **2002:** Moves to UK, where he gives popular lectures to Muslim youths

■ **2004:** Returns to Yemen, lecturing in religious school in Sanaa headed by cleric **Abdul-Majid al-Zindani** – named by U.S. as a terrorist

■ **2006:** Detained on charges relating to plot to kidnap U.S. military attache

■ **2007:** Released but later charged on similar counts – goes into hiding

■ **Nov 2009:** **Major Nidal Malik Hasan** – U.S. Army psychiatrist said to have received religious advice from Awlaki – kills 13 people at Fort Hood base in Texas

■ **Dec:** U.S. says **Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab** – Nigerian accused of attempting to blow up airliner over Detroit on Christmas Day – was recruited by Awlaki in Yemen



■ **Apr 2010:** Only U.S. citizen named on CIA hit list



■ **May: Faisal Shahzad** – U.S. citizen of Pakistani origin who tried to bomb Times Square – says he was inspired by Awlaki

■ **Oct:** U.S. links Awlaki – “figurehead” of al-Qaeda in Arabian Peninsula – to plot to send bombs as cargo on planes to synagogues in Chicago

■ **Nov:** UK student **Roshonara Choudhry** – radicalised by Awlaki's internet sermons – jailed for stabbing MP who supported Iraq war

**Awlaki – believed to be hiding in Yemen's rugged Shabwa or Mareb regions – calls for killing of Americans in video message posted on radical websites**

