

# Al-Qaeda after bin Laden

The death of Osama bin Laden has dealt a psychological blow to Al-Qaeda, and while others will step in to lead the terror organization, it remains to be seen how it will survive the loss of its spiritual leader and figurehead



◀ **Ayman al-Zawahiri:** *Right-hand man to bin Laden.* Physician, founder of now-defunct **Egyptian Islamic Jihad** – likely to succeed bin Laden in short-term, but seen as divisive figure among radicals. Indicted for role in 1998 U.S. Embassy bombings in Kenya and Tanzania



◀ **Adnan el-Shukrijumah**  
*External operations commander.* Saudi-native Guyanese citizen, lived in U.S. for 15 years, indicted for 2009 attempt to bomb New York subway system



◀ **Jalaluddin Haqqani**  
Taliban military leader in Afghanistan and Pakistan



◀ **Abu Yahya al-Libi**  
*Field commander.* Charismatic Libyan – popular figure in propaganda videos – escaped from Bagram prison in 2005

**FRANCHISING:** Decentralization to regional affiliates has spread internationalist ideology and lessened importance of central command – but has sometimes lost local support

**Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan:** Also in Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan

**Al Qaeda in Iraq**

**Taliban, Lashkar-e-Taiba**  
Afghanistan, Pakistan

**Al Qaeda in Islamic Maghreb**  
Algeria, Mali, Niger  
**Al-Shabaab**  
Somalia

**Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula**  
Yemen, Saudi Arabia

**Abu Sayyaf, Moro Islamic Liberation Front**  
Philippines

**Jemaah Islamiya**  
Indonesia

