

Al Qaeda No. 2 killed

Senior Al Qaeda leader Abu Yahya al-Libi, killed in a U.S. drone strike, was believed to be a “gatekeeper” between the Al Qaeda leadership and operatives in the field

ABU YAHYA AL-LIBI

■ **1963:** Born in Libya. Studies chemistry at Sebha University in early 1980s

■ **1980s:** Joins Libyan Fighting Group battling Soviet troops in Afghanistan

■ **2001:** Becomes Taliban’s “webmaster” in Karachi before being arrested in 2002

■ **2005:** Escapes U.S.-run prison at Bagram airbase in Afghanistan

■ **2009:** Mistakenly reported killed in drone strike in Pakistan

■ **2011:** Following death of **Osama bin Laden**, Libi becomes Al Qaeda’s second-in-command after Egyptian-born **Ayman al-Zawahiri**

■ **Jun 4, 2012:** Killed in Pakistan

As top cleric and propaganda chief, Libi had authority to issue fatwas and provide guidance to militants



Jun 4, Hesokhel: Two missiles hit compound and vehicle, killing Libi and 15 other suspected militants