U.S. kills senior Khorasan Group leader

A U.S. airstrike has reportedly killed *Muhsin al-Fadhli*, the Kuwaiti leader of the Khorasan Group, a shadowy Al Qaeda offshoot active in Syria



- 2003: Given five-year jail sentence by Kuwaiti court for terror funding
 2005: Designated by U.S. as major
- 2005: Designated by U.S. as major facilitator for Iraqi-based terrorist network of *Abu Musab al-Zarqawi*
- 2012: Takes over leadership of Al Qaeda's franchise in Iran. U.S. issues \$7m reward for his capture
- 2013: Al Fadhli-led Khorasan militant group dispatched to Syria by Al Qaeda chief *Ayman al-Zawahiri* to recruit Western jihadis and send them home to carry out attacks
- bombs past airport security prompts
 U.S. to ban uncharged mobile phones
 and laptops on flights from Europe
 and Middle East to America

■ Apr 24, 1981: *Muhsin al-Fadhli* born in Kuwait

- 1990s: Fights alongside Taliban and Al Qaeda in Afghanistan. Becomes close confidant of *Osama bin Laden* and one of few senior militants with prior knowledge of September 11 attacks
- Oct 2002: Implicated in attack on French oil tanker *MV Limburg* off Yemen, in which one crewmember died. Also blamed for attack against U.S. Marines on Faylaka Island in Kuwait which killed one soldier

