

Successors to IS strategist Adnani

Following the death of Abu Muhammad al-Adnani – key strategist of so-called Islamic State – IS leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi is likely to appoint either Turki al-Binali or Abu Luqman as his replacement



◀ **Abu Muhammad al-Adnani, 39:** IS second-in-command, Foreign operations and propaganda chief. Killed in Aleppo province. ***Linked to attacks that killed hundreds of people, including in Paris, Brussels, Orlando and Istanbul***



Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, 39: U.S. has offered \$10 million reward for information leading to his capture or death ▶



■ **Turki al-Binali, 31:** Born in Muharraq, Bahrain's third largest city. Family has close ties to Bahrain's ruling ***Al Khalifa*** royal family

■ **Education:** Studies at schools throughout Middle East. Mentors include ***Abu Muhammad al-Maqdisi***, considered one of most influential Jihadi ideologues. Binali becomes talented orator in Bahrain's ultraconservative Salafi movement

■ **2010-13:** Travels to Yemen to meet ***Al Qaeda***, Sirte, in Libya, after fall of Gaddafi regime, and Syria, where he joins Islamic State

■ **2014-15:** Writes theological treatises which lay foundation for declaring Islamic ***caliphate*** in Syria and Iraq. Writes guidelines justifying sex slavery of Yazidi women and girls, based on 13th-century theology



■ **Abu Luqman, 43:** Also known as ***Ali Mousa al-Shawwakh***. Born in Raqqa province, Syria

■ **Education:** Law degree from University of Aleppo

■ **2003:** In Iraq during U.S. invasion

■ **2011:** Released from Syria's notorious ***Sednaya*** prison

■ **2012:** Joins Al Qaeda-linked ***Jabhat al-Nusra*** (JN). Luqman begins selling oil from JN-controlled refineries

■ **2013:** Following short-lived merger of JN and IS, Luqman joins IS

■ **2014:** Head of security in Raqqa, orders torture and beheadings. Appointed to IS eight-member governing council

■ **2015:** Governor of Aleppo and Raqqa. Oversees IS oil trade, raking in as much as \$3 million per day