

# Hamza bin Laden – Al Qaeda's next leader?



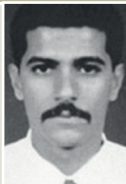
■ **1985: Osama bin Laden (OBL)** marries **Khairia Sabar**, Saudi child psychologist and third of five wives

■ **1989: Hamza bin Laden** (above left) born in Afghanistan

■ **1991: OBL** moves Al Qaeda's base of operations to Sudan. Khairia starts school to teach wives and children

■ **1996: Taliban** take over Afghanistan. Expelled from Sudan, OBL's entourage moves to Kandahar

■ **1998: U.S. embassies** in Kenya and Tanzania are bombed, killing 224 people. U.S. indicts Al Qaeda's **Abu Mohammed al Masri** (right)



■ **Sep 11:** Coordinated Al Qaeda attacks against U.S. – led by hijacker **Mohammed Atta** (above) – kill 2,996 people and injure over 6,000 others

■ **Following 9/11 attacks:** OBL's family and Al Qaeda leaders, including al Masri, hide in Iran

■ **2003-10:** Iranian intelligence arrests Kharia, Hamza and other Al Qaeda members. While in captivity, Hamza marries daughter of al Masri – wife gives birth to son and daughter

■ **2010:** Hamza is released with his mother, wife and children in prisoner swap. Family joins Al Qaeda group in Waziristan. Hamza's mother, Khairia, joins OBL in Abbottabad

■ **May 2, 2011:** Osama bin Laden is killed by U.S. special forces in raid on his Abbottabad hideout (below). Hamza's brother Khalid is shot dead. Khairia and other wives and children are taken into custody in Pakistan



■ **Jun: Ayman al-Zawahiri** (right) takes over as leader of Al Qaeda



■ **2012:** Khairia and around 12 other OBL family members are deported to Saudi Arabia

■ **2014:** So-called Islamic State splits from Al Qaeda, dissatisfied with al-Zawahiri's leadership

■ **Aug 2015:** Al-Zawahiri releases first of several tapes of Hamza praising "martyrdom" of his father and brother, calling for jihadi attacks against U.S., Europe and Israel

■ **Jan 2017:** U.S. State Department places Hamza on terrorist list

■ **Aug 2018:** Reports surface of dynastic marriage of Hamza to daughter of 9/11 hijacker, **Mohammed Atta**. Hamza vows: "I am going to avenge my father"