

# Al Qaeda's veteran leaders



## ■ Osama bin Laden

Saudi Arabian national.

Al Qaeda leader responsible for 9/11 attacks on U.S. that kill 2,977 people.

**May 2, 2011:** OBL is shot dead by U.S. Navy Seals in attack on his compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan.

**Buried at sea**



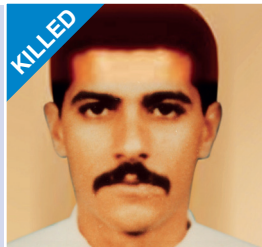
## ■ Ayman al-Zawahiri

Egyptian national.

OBL's number two, becomes leader in 2011. Makes pledge of allegiance – or *bay'ah* – to Afghan Taliban.

Indicted by U.S. for 1998 bombings of U.S. embassies in Tanzania and Kenya that kill 224.

**Location unknown**



## ■ Abu Muhammad al-Masri

Egyptian and Al Qaeda's third in command.

**1993, Black Hawk down:** Trains Somali militants to shoot down two U.S. helicopters.

Indicted for U.S. embassy bombings.

**Aug 2020: Shot dead in Tehran**



## ■ Saif al-Adel

Egyptian and fourth in command.

Former commando is explosives expert and Al Qaeda military trainer.

Plays central role in Black Hawk attacks, U.S. embassy bombings and suicide attack on destroyer *USS Cole*.

**Location unknown**



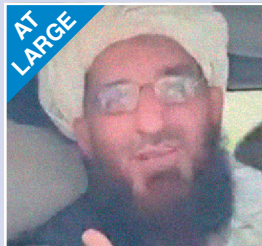
## ■ Khalid Sheikh Mohammed

Pakistani national.

Alleged mastermind of 9/11 attacks.

**Mar 2003:** Captured by CIA in Pakistan. Confesses to 1993 World Trade Center attack.

**Held in Guantanamo Bay, awaiting trial**



## ■ Amin al-Haq

Afghan national and former head of *Black Guard* responsible for OBL's protection.

**2008-11:** Detained in Pakistan.

**Aug 31, 2021: Video shows al-Haq (above) travelling openly in Taliban-controlled Afghanistan**