

Al-Qaeda leader Ayman al-Zawahiri killed

The U.S. has killed the leader of Al-Qaeda, Ayman al-Zawahiri, in a drone strike in Afghanistan, President Joe Biden has confirmed



■ **Born:** Cairo, Egypt, Jun 19, 1951

■ **1973:** Helps to found ***Egyptian Islamic Jihad*** (EIJ) militant group

■ **1974:** Graduates from Cairo University, serves as surgeon in Egyptian army for three years

■ **1981:** Arrested after assassination of Egyptian president **Anwar Sadat**, imprisoned for three years

■ **1985:** Leaves Egypt for Pakistan, treats wounded mujahideen fighters during Soviet invasion of Afghanistan



■ **1986:** Meets Al-Qaeda founder **Osama bin Laden**, becomes his personal adviser and physician

■ **1998:** Becomes second-in-command of Al Qaeda. Indicted in U.S. for his role in East African embassy bombings that killed 224 people and injured thousands

■ **2000:** Accused of plotting attack on U.S. Navy destroyer, ***USS Cole***, in which 17 sailors were killed

■ **2001:** Believed to be “operational brains” behind 9/11 attacks. U.S. offers \$25m reward for his capture

■ **2011:** Becomes head of Al-Qaeda after bin Laden is killed by U.S.

■ **Aug 1, 2022:** Biden announces killing of Zawahiri in “precision” U.S. drone strike in centre of Afghan capital, Kabul

Approximate area of drone strike

