

Al-Qaeda's uncertain succession

The killing of Ayman al-Zawahiri is unlikely to change the “far enemy” strategy of Al-Qaeda and its affiliates – attacking the U.S. and its Western allies, which it sees as the cause of all Middle East problems



■ Saif al-Adel:

Has given past 33 years of his life to Al-Qaeda.

Egyptian military and intelligence leader helped transform loose band of anti-Soviet militia into world's most deadly terrorist organisation.

Wanted for 1998 bombings of U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania that killed 224 people



■ **Osama bin Laden:** Killed by U.S. in Pakistan, May 2, 2011



■ **Abu Ubaydah Yusuf al-Anabi:** Leader of *Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb*. Also known as *Yazid Mubarak*



■ **Ayman al-Zawahiri:** Killed by U.S., July 31, 2022



■ **Ahmed Umar:** Leader of Somalia-based *Al-Shabaab* since 2014. Also known as *Ahmad Diriye*



■ **Abd al-Rahman al-Maghrebi:** Moroccan-born national served as Al-Qaeda's general manager in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Heads media arm *Al Sahab* and coordinates activities with affiliates in West Africa, Caucasus and India.

Son-in-law of al-Zawahiri has \$7 million U.S. bounty on his head