

# Accused 9/11 plotters reach plea deal

The man accused of plotting the Sep 11, 2001 attacks, and two of his co-defendants, will be spared the death penalty as part of a plea agreement that aims to end years of legal wrangling over his detention



## Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, 59

■ U.S.-educated engineer, captured in Pakistan in 2003, held at CIA prisons before being sent to U.S. base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, in 2006

■ Accused of plotting with late al-Qaeda founder **Osama bin Laden** to hijack planes and fly them into buildings

■ Subjected to 183 rounds of waterboarding – decision to use simulated drowning would hamper years of efforts to put him on trial



■ Mohammed, **Walid bin Attash** (far left) and **Mustafa al-Hawsawi** (left) will plead guilty to all charges, including murder of 2,976 people, in exchange for life sentence rather than death-penalty trial



**1 American Airlines Flight 11**  
Passengers: 76, Crew: 11  
**Crashes into North Tower of World Trade Center**

**2 United Airlines Flight 175**  
Passengers: 51, Crew: 9  
**Crashes into South Tower of World Trade Center**

**3 American Airlines Flight 77**  
Passengers: 53, Crew: 6  
**Crashes into Pentagon**

**4 United Airlines Flight 93**  
Passengers: 33, Crew: 7  
**Crashes into field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania**