

# The ongoing hunt for Bin Laden

The U.S. has hunted Osama bin Laden using satellite tracking systems and sophisticated spying systems, but the al-Qaeda leader remains at large. He is widely believed to be hiding in the remote tribal region along the Pakistan-Afghanistan border with his deputy, Ayman al-Zawahri

● **Sep 2001:** After 9/11 terror attacks, President **George W. Bush** signs top-secret Memorandum of Notification calling for Bin Laden to be captured or killed on sight

● **Oct:** U.S.-led coalition begins military strikes against Afghanistan

● **Dec:** Radio messages by Bin Laden intercepted from his **Tora Bora** base

● **Jan 2002:** Bin Laden thought to have escaped to **Waziristan** after battle of Tora Bora



● **Jan 2003:** U.S. special forces sent to Afghanistan to capture Bin Laden

● **Feb:** Spy satellites trace phone call by Bin Laden's son to **Baluchistan**. U.S. **Task Force 121** and Pakistani officials intercept suspicious convoy – Bin Laden not found

● **Mar:** Task Force 121 and Pakistani authorities storm villa in Rawalpindi and capture **Khalid Sheikh Mohammed** – thought to be third in command in **al-Qaeda**



● **May-Jul 2004:** Pakistan President **General Pervez Musharraf** mounts offensive in Waziristan in failed attempt to capture Bin Laden

● **Oct:** Bin Laden videotape, aired days before U.S. presidential election, threatens fresh attacks on U.S.

● **Mar 2005:** Bush makes rare mention of Bin Laden, saying U.S. is “working day and night” to bring him to justice



● **Jan 13, 2006:** CIA-operated drone aircraft fires missiles meant to target **Ayman al-Zawahri**. At least 18 people in village of Damadola killed



● **Jan 24:** Pakistan premier **Shaukat Aziz** due to meet Bush in U.S. amid relations strained by bombing raid