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Abu Musab al-Suri and his Plan for the Destruction of America: “Dirty Bombs for a Dirty Nation.”

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Abu Musab al-Suri (a.k.a. Mustafa Setmariam Nasar, Omar Abdel Hakim) was born in October 1958 in Aleppo, Syria. Nasar was a member of the radical Syrian Muslim Brotherhood and was forced to seek exile from his homeland during the 1980s, traveling throughout the Middle East and North Africa—and eventually finding his way to the ongoing jihad in Afghanistan. Abu Musab would later issue a statement clarifying his early involvement with Al-Qaida and the Arab-Afghans:

“I was honored to participate in the Afghani jihad against the Russians and the communists until we exterminated their forces and lowered their flanks and made an example out of them—as we will also do with America, with the help of Allah... I was honored to become acquainted with Shaykh Abdullah Azzam, and I worked with him during the days of the Afghani jihad in 1987. Then in 1988, I was honored by coming to know Shaykh Usama [Bin Laden]... I was honored to become a member of Al-Qaida, and I worked with the group until 1992. During that time, I trained its first elite fighters and I was an instructor at its camps and other Arab-Afghan camps in various military and organizational methodologies, especially given my own high-degree of specialized training in explosives production, special operations, and guerilla warfare that I received in Jordan, Iraq, and Egypt. All praise be to Allah for his blessing.”



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In 1987, Abu Musab al-Suri settled in Spain and secured Spanish citizenship through marriage to a local woman. Later, in 1995, he would move on to the United Kingdom where, according to U.S. intelligence, he became “a European intermediary for Al-Qaida.” While living in Europe, Abu Musab became closely affiliated with the North African underground Islamist network there—particularly, with operatives of the nascent Algerian Armed Islamic Group (GIA). He became a principle editor of the GIA’s magazine-in-exile known as “Usraat Al-Ansar.” In this regard, Abu Musab has himself acknowledged, “I was honored to support the jihad against the government of the apostates in Algeria and to support the mujahideen whom I knew—while they were on the righteous path between 1994-1996.” Another infamous editor of Usraat Al-Ansar—Shaykh Abu Hamza al-Masri of the Finsbury Park Mosque in London—later explained their joint work on behalf of the GIA:

“After many of the supporters in Europe took over the moral and media support by issuing magazines from France, they were able to give the world the news about jihaad and the reasons for



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it. At once the French government cracked down on them heavily to block news from being heard. They were then forced to move to other countries, which allowed more freedom of speech, such as England, Sweden and others. It was then when al Ansaar magazine was issued, mainly to support the GIA, on a weekly basis. Al Ansaar group was fought viciously by other Algerian groups in Europe who were secularist or pro Democracy, such as FIS, with all of its factions.”



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again become a haven for Al-Qaida under the growing influence of the Taliban Islamic movement. By 1998, al-Suri moved his family to Afghanistan and took up full-time residence there. In Afghanistan, Abu Musab “worked with the Taliban Ministry of Defense as a mujahid and established the Al-Ghuraba training camp... where I instructed many Arabs and non-Arabs. The apostates and the infidels in Central Asia, [Saudi Arabia], and other places would come to taste the ferocity of those who I trained.” Finally, in April 2000, al-Suri swore an official bayat (oath of allegiance) to Taliban leader Mullah Mohammed Omar. According to U.S. intelligence, Abu Musab al-Suri was also working closely in Afghanistan with another Al-Qaida training camp manager, Abu Khabab al-Masri (a.k.a. Midhat Mursi al-Sayyid Omar), “to train extremists in poisons and chemicals at the Derunta terrorist camp” near Jalalabad. Failed Millenium bomber Ahmed Ressay later told American investigators that he was

In late 1995, an ideological split developed between the European-based editors of Usraat Al-Ansaar (who were closely tied to the Arab-Afghans) and the increasingly fanatic GIA military commanders back in Algeria (at the time, under the lead of Antar al-Zouabri). The GIA’s controversial terrorist tactics—including targeting innocent Muslim civilians and competing Islamic clerics—began to alienate even their most extreme allies like Abu Musab al-Suri. Abu Hamza al-Masri recalled that, at this time, “some of the writers of al Ansaar demanded more explanation from the GIA regarding these events... Then, after a while, some of the supporters decided to pull out and to stop giving support to the GIA... [the GIA] then were to issue a final statement so chilling, Usraat al Ansaar were unsure if this had been the same group that they had known before... the GIA boldly came forward and exposed their real [beliefs] and claimed responsibility for the massacring, kidnapping and taking sabaya in general without any specifics.” Following the lead of other sponsors of Usraat Al-Ansaar, Abu Musab al-Suri admits that he, too, came to “renounce [the leaders among the GIA] who had deviated from the righteous path, who had transgressed against Muslims, and who shed their blood and [violated] their sanctuaries through the cunning of the Algerian intelligence.”

Following his split from the GIA in Europe, Abu Musab al-Suri departed for Afghanistan which had once again become a haven for Al-Qaida under the growing influence of the Taliban Islamic movement. By 1998,



Satellite photo of Al-Qaida terrorist training camp near Jalalabad, Afghanistan



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schooled in the use of poisons while at Derunta camp, including experiments with cyanide on dogs. He also reported that Al-Qaida operatives at Derunta were specifically testing toxins to be used in the attempted assassination of prominent Western personalities and intelligence agents.

According to a purported statement from Abu Musab al-Suri:

"I last saw Shaykh Usama [Bin Laden]—may Allah protect him—in November 2001 during the battles to defend the [Taliban] state. We reminisced about our pledges [of allegiance] to [Mullah Mohammed Omar] and I offered him an oath for jihad and to fight against our enemies. This is exactly what I am doing now with my hand and my pen, whenever I can, if Allah wills it. Today, our



Abu Musab al-Suri teaches his followers about jihad with an AK-47 rifle at his side

Shaykh Usama [Bin Laden] is a symbol of our jihad and a symbol of our entire Islamic nation. It is a duty of mine and of us all to contribute whatever they can towards this decisive battle and to exert their utmost efforts... In regards to the debate over whether I am part of Al-Qaida or not, Al-Qaida has become the entire Islamic nation... this is what America helped to create when it began treating all resistance as part of Al-Qaida, so be it!"

In November 2004—three years after al-Suri swore bayat to Usama Bin Laden—U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell suddenly announced the posting of a \$5 million reward for information leading to the capture of Abu Musab al-Suri, described as a wanted Al-Qaida operative likely hiding in Pakistan or Afghanistan. Less than one month later, Abu Musab posted his official response to the American reward offer on his own Internet homepage. In the lengthy statement, Abu Musab addressed various public allegations of his involvement in Al-Qaida:

The September 11, 2001 Terrorist Attacks

- *"I emphasize my complete denial of what was reported in the American media and uttered by American officials that I had any connection to or prior knowledge of the glorious and heroic September 2001 attacks. I only heard about it through the media, and I—along with many millions of other Muslims—enjoyed watching the beginning of the collapse of America. May Allah reward those who carried out [the attacks] with the best of rewards [martyrdom]. I stress that what they have alleged about me being one of the senior planners of these attacks is a pure fabrication and a lie. I emphasize that I did not have the honor of doing so, and Allah willing, I am not one of those who likes to be praised for something that I have not done... Although I emphasize my non-participation and lack of prior knowledge of the honorable September 11 attacks, if I had been consulted about this operation, I would have advised them to select aircraft on international flights and to have put weapons of mass destruction aboard them. Attacking America with weapons of mass destruction was—and still is—a difficult and complicated matter, but it is still a possibility in the end, if Allah permits us. More importantly, it is becoming a necessity."*

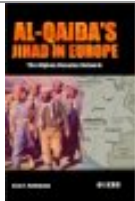




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remove the burden of duty for Muslims—which is a duty upon all Muslims—to fight in order to end its aggression.”

- **“[Second], that Muslims will be able to defeat America through resistance and guerilla warfare over the long term by transforming all Muslim countries and cities into the example of defiant Fallujah and the heroic Palestinian Intifada. Thus, America cannot fight hundreds of Fallujahs across the Arab and Muslim world, even if they use ten times the amount of force. This is an option that the International Islamic resistance is calling for. But the likelihood of that [scenario] seems distant at this time... We will require a long period of time and great sacrifices relying upon this solution, which is required of us.”**
- **“Finally, the last option: to destroy America through strategic and decisive operations involving weapons of mass destruction—nuclear, chemical, or biological. The mujahideen may be able to obtain these weapons by cooperating with whomever already possesses them, by buying them, or by building and using primitive radioactive weapons known as ‘dirty bombs.’ Thus, I believe now that the American administration has revealed the evil and wickedness of its forces during the war in Iraq and Afghanistan, it is not a far cry from justice to adopt the slogan, ‘Dirty Bombs for a Dirty Nation.’ This is practically equal treatment. Let the American people—those who voted for killing, destruction, the looting of other nations’ wealth, megalomania, and the desire to control others—be contaminated with radiation! We apologize for the radioactive fallout.”**



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