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Bin Ladin To Exploit Looser Security During Holidays [redacted]

Jordanian authorities last week arrested Bin Ladin operatives with plans to bomb [redacted] tourists attending millennium celebrations in Jordan. [redacted] Bin Ladin last week said he will carry out anti-US attacks [redacted] and urged [redacted] anti-US operations in [redacted]

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targets in Yemen or Saudi Arabia

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-- In addition, the Intelligence Community's assessment of Bin Ladin's infrastructure raises the possibility of attacks in Europe, South Asia, and Sub-Saharan Africa. [redacted]

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Enhanced Political Cover for Attacks [redacted]

Statements and actions in the past few months by [redacted] extremists have given Bin Ladin greater deniability in the event of an attack. Bin Ladin over the past year has tried to placate the Taliban by portraying himself publicly as a mere instigator of terrorism

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-- A senior Egyptian al-Gama'at al-Islamiyya member with longstanding ties to Bin Ladin last month publicly warned that a repeat of the 1997 Luxor massacre is likely.

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Recent public expressions of support for Bin Ladin in Afghanistan and Pakistan--the result of UN sanctions and fears of US missile strikes--will help insulate him from Taliban retaliation for attacks. Sanctions on Afghanistan may heighten the Taliban's reluctance to confront Bin Ladin by increasing the group's dependence on his worldwide network for fundraising and military procurement.

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