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Afghanistan: Taliban Holding Firm on Bin Ladin for Now [redacted]

The Taliban leadership is allowing Usama Bin Ladin to remain in Afghanistan despite UN sanctions aimed at persuading the group to give him up. It is doing so because it needs Bin Ladin's money and fighters to wage its civil war and because Taliban leaders say an ethnic Pashtun tribal code requires them to protect guests. [redacted]

CIA analysts judge that Taliban leaders would surrender Bin Ladin only after a Taliban victory in Afghanistan and in exchange for diplomatic recognition and reconstruction aid. The Taliban would seek to deny engaging in a deal, however, to save face and to avoid a backlash from its Afghan and Pakistani supporters and from Arabs sympathetic to Bin Ladin.

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