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**Terrorism: Bin Ladin Public Profile May Presage Attack** [redacted]

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10-minute videotape of Bin Ladin the widest public airing [redacted]

[redacted] In a press conference in May 1998, just months before the East Africa bombings, Bin Ladin used the media to predict news to gladden his supporters' hearts.

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Bin Ladin's heightened public profile may be an attempt to profit from the attention being paid to the Israeli-Palestinian struggle and to reassert his importance as a backer of Islamic causes. Bin Ladin in January and February appeared in two videos about the wedding of his son; both featured rhetoric supporting the Al-Aqsa *intifadah*, and the second showed Bin Ladin reading a poem extolling the attack on the USS Cole. [redacted]

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