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**MBC TV Carries Video Report on Bin-Ladin, Followers in Training**

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1. MBC Correspondent Says He Has Met Bin-Ladin GMP20010623000150 London MBC Television Arabic 1810 GMT 23 Jun 01

[Corrected version: Video report by MBC correspondent in Afghanistan Bakr Atyani; this report contains photos or other graphic elements; if you see the phrase "Attachment Not Included", you are using a system that cannot display these images.]

[FBIS Translated Text]

The followers of Usamah Bin-Ladin are conducting continuous military maneuvers and training in the desert of Afghanistan in preparation for a military strike against US interests in the world.

The pictures, which MBC obtained from the media office of the Al[0]-Qa'idah[0] Organization, led by Usamah Bin-Ladin, show the size of the military capabilities possessed by this organization.

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[Begin Bin-Ladin recording] The only way to defeat this humiliation and infidelity, which prevails in the land of Islam, is through jihad, bullets, and martyrdom operations. [end recording]

In the desert of Qandahar, we were able to meet Usamah Bin-Ladin. The meeting was attended by Ayman al[0]-Zawahiri, leader of the Egyptian Al[0]-Jama'ah al[0]-Islamiyah, which recently joined Usamah Bin-Ladin's group, forming what is now known as the Al[0]-Qa'idah[0] Organization. The meeting was also attended by Usamah Bin-Ladin's right-hand man, Abu-Hafs, who preferred not to appear on camera.

The journey to the headquarters of Usamah Bin-Ladin in the Qandahar desert from the center of the city of Qandahar lasted for three hours. We were taken to the headquarters of Usamah Bin-Ladin in a car with darkened windows. Following strict security measures and thorough search we were allowed to meet Usamah.

Bin-Ladin was happy at the statements of his followers that the next weeks will witness important surprises and that US and Israeli interests in the world will be targeted. He refused to make any comment on this because the Taleban Movement bans him from making any press statements.

[Begin Taleban Foreign Minister Wakil Ahmad Mutawakkil recording] The government of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan will never allow any person to use its territory to strike against or threaten the interests of any country in the world. It will also not allow that its country be used for any terrorist action. [end recording]

Observers believe that the current tension between Usamah Bin-Ladin and the United States could lead to an explosion that could take place at any moment, especially since the US troops stationed in the Middle East have been put on a state of alert for fear of an attack or in preparation for a military strike against Usamah Bin-Ladin's positions.

Abu-Hafs, Bin-Ladin's right-hand man, told us: We are ready for any surprise. We are ready to vacate our positions in less than half an hour if the United States attempts to bomb our positions.

[Begin Bin-Ladin recording] Men should send their sons to the fields of battle and confrontation so that they can receive military training to champion the religion of [Prophet] Muhammad, may God's peace and blessings be upon him. [end recording]

The coming days will answer the question: Who will strike first and what form will it take?

- [1. click here to view bin-ladin's followers defusing a bomb](#)
- [2. click here to view bin-ladin's men in training and bin-ladin speaking with a map behind him](#)
- [3. click here to view bin-lading and al-zawahiri sitting next to each other and speaking to mbc correspondent](#)
- [4. click here to view bin-ladin sitting at a table and speaking into a microphone](#)

5. [click here to view bin-ladin's men in training](#)

6. [click here to view bin-ladin speaking into a microphone](#)

7. [click here to view bin-ladin's men storming a house with rifles in their hands](#)

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