Al-Jazirah TV: Bin Ladin Threatens Attacks on 'Key Sectors' of US Economy
Osama bin Laden
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[FBIS Translated Text] Al-Jazirah has obtained an audio recording of [a message by] Al-Qa'ida Leader Usama Bin Ladin, in which he threatens the United States with further attacks. In his message, Bin Ladin singled out key sectors of the US economy as potential targets for his followers' attacks. He said that the US preparations for what he described as a new aggression against the Islamic world mean that Washington has not understood the lessons of the 11 September attacks.

Begin Bin Ladin recording: In the name of God, the merciful, the compassionate; A message to the American people: Peace be upon those who follow the right path. I am an honest adviser to you. I urge you to seek the joy of life and the afterlife and to rid yourself of your dry, miserable, and spiritless materialistic life. I urge you to become Muslims, for Islam calls for the principle of "there is no god but Allah," and for justice and forbids injustice and criminality. I also call on you to understand the lesson of the New York and Washington raids, which came in response to some of your previous crimes. The aggressor deserves punishment.

However, those who follow the movement of the criminal gang at the White House, the agents of the Jews, who are preparing to attack and partition the Islamic world, without you disapproving of this, realize that you have not understood anything from the message of the two raids. Therefore, I am telling you, and God is my witness, whether America escalates or de-escalates this conflict, we will reply to it in kind, God willing. God is my witness, the youth of Islam are preparing things that will fill your hearts with fear. They will target key sectors of your economy until you stop your injustice and aggression or until the more short-lived of us die.

We beseech Almighty God to provide us with His support. He is the protector and has the power to do so. Say: O people of the Book! Come to common terms as between us and you: That we worship none but Allah; that we associate no partners with Him; that we erect not from among ourselves lords and patrons other than Allah. If then they turn back, say ye: Bear witness that we at least are Muslims bowing to Allah's will. [Koranic verse] [end recording]

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