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OVERVIEW

On 7 Jul. 2005 between 0850 and 0947 local time in London, UK, four suicide bombers detonated four explosive devices on three Underground trains and one double-decker bus in London. Three of the men, Hasib Hussain, Shehzad Tanweer and Mohammed Sidique Khan traveled from West Yorkshire to Luton station by hired car. At Luton station they met up with Germaine Lindsay from Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire and are all caught on CCTV as they enter the station at approximately 0720 local time. The four then board a Thameslink train to King's Cross station each carrying a rucksack with an explosive device. The four men arrived at King's Cross in a group and then dispersed to their respective targets. They were identified on CCTV footage showing them at King's Cross station shortly before 0830 local time. The three devices placed on Underground trains all detonated around 0850 local time, within 50 seconds of each other. These timings are supported by software used by London Underground to monitor the lines. The device on the double-decker bus detonated at 0947 local time. At least 56 people were killed, including the four suicide bombers. According to the Metropolitan Police Service on 14 Jul., "Around 700 people were injured, with 350 requiring hospital treatment. 53 people are still in hospital, eight of which are critical." The devices are believed to have contained 10lbs or less of TATP.

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POINTS FOR CONSIDERATION

- The attack fits the signature of an operation by al-Qaeda or its affiliates, while these groups do not hold exclusivity over these types of operations, they are currently the only active groups executing them on a global scale.
- Following the lessons learned from the multiple vehicular bombings that occurred during a five-day span in Nov. 2003 in Istanbul, Turkey, there is the possibility that additional attacks beyond the 21 Jul. strike will be executed in London by the same or related cells.
- There is the possibility of additional follow-on attacks timed to occur in other countries in the coming days or weeks. Al-Qaeda has written about the benefit of varying the timing of operations in order to increase their impact on the targeted parties. Consequently, an attack in CONUS designed to be part of the London operation would not have to occur simultaneously or even within the same day.
- The attack is consistent with al-Qaeda's approach of taking traditional terrorist tactics and executing operations that utilize them on a scale and in a manner never or rarely ever seen before.
- Al-Qaeda's target selection process will typically favor those targets that fit multiple target classes. In this case it would be symbolic, civilian, transportation and financial. Targets which can be attacked on any day of the week during large windows of time are also preferred as opposed to one-time special events.
- While the G-8 meeting may have played a role in the timing of the operation, the announcement of the Olympics was too recent of a development to be a factor. Planning for the attack most likely predated the scheduling of the G-8 meeting, however, during the finalization of the operation the G-8 meeting date would have provided an additional opportunity for the planners.
- One possible reason for the targeting of the bus may have been to allow the media to have the visuals to shoot as well as possibly providing an opportunity for the group to

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film its own attack, something that would have been difficult to impossible for the Underground train bombings.

- The lack of a “specific credible threat” for further attacks in the UK or other countries does nothing to alleviate the threat of attack. There was no “specific credible threat” prior to the London attacks, nor has there been for almost every single major operation conducted by al-Qaeda. It is unlikely there will be one before the next successful al-Qaeda operation.

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THE FOUR MEN

• The attacks are believed to have been carried out by four men who arrived at the King's Cross Station shortly before 0830 local time on 7 Jul. and then dispersed to their targets. The four were identified on CCTV footage at that time at King's Cross. The men are Hasib Hussain, Shehzad Tanweer, both of Leeds, and Mohammed Sidique Khan, of Dewsbury, West Yorkshire and Lindsay Germaine. The four are seen together in the above CCTV image from Luton station at approximately 0720 local time. They traveled together from there on a Thameslink train to King's Cross in central London.

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- “One of the men who set out from West Yorkshire was reported missing by his family to the Central Casualty Bureau shortly after 2200 on 7 Jul. We have now established that he was joined on his journey to London by three other men.” Deputy Assistant Commissioner Peter Clarke, head of the MPS Anti-Terrorist Branch and National Coordinator of Terrorist Investigations
- “We have since found personal documents bearing the names of three of those four men close to the seats of three of the explosions.” Deputy Assistant Commissioner Peter Clarke, head of the MPS Anti-Terrorist Branch and National Coordinator of Terrorist Investigations
- “As regards the man who was reported missing, some of his property was found on the Route 30 bus in Tavistock Square.” Deputy Assistant Commissioner Peter Clarke, head of the MPS Anti-Terrorist Branch and National Coordinator of Terrorist Investigations
- “Property in the name of a second man was found at the scene of the Aldgate bomb. And in relation to a third man property in his name was found at the scene of both the Aldgate and the Edgware Road bombs.” Deputy Assistant Commissioner Peter Clarke, head of the MPS Anti-Terrorist Branch and National Coordinator of Terrorist Investigations
- At least three of the men were British nationals of Pakistani descent.
- Three of the four were from West Yorkshire.

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Hasib Hussain

- Lived in Holbeck, Leeds all his life.
- Aged 18, Pakistani descent
- Left school in 2003 with seven GCSEs.
- Around the time he left school, he was sent to Pakistan to visit relatives. He also went on the Hajj pilgrimage to Mecca grew a beard and began to wear robes.
- Said to have turned very religious two years ago.
- ID found in No. 30 bus.
- Believed to be responsible for No. 30 bus bombing where he died.
- Above is a passport photograph of Hasib Hussain
- Flew to Karachi, Pakistan in Jul. 2004 on Saudi Arabian Airlines flight SV-714. Unknown port of exit.
- Below is a CCTV image of him from the Luton train station at 0720 local time on 7 Jul. 2005.

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- Police are attempting to establish Hussain's movements between 0826 at King's Cross and 0947 local time on the No. 30 bus when the explosion occurred.



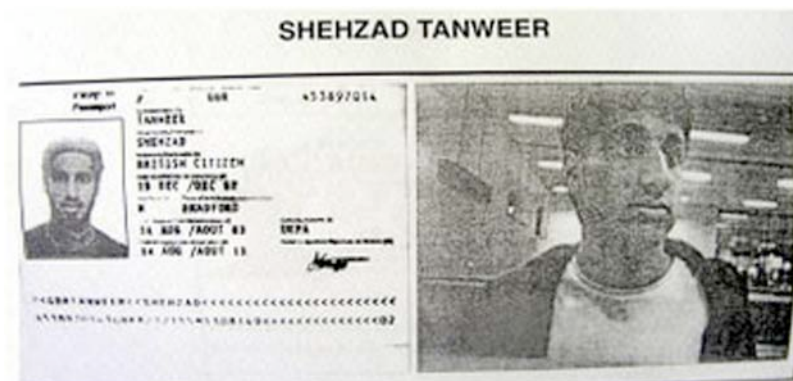
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Shehzad Tanweer

- Aged 22, Pakistani descent
- Born in Bradford, lived in Beeston, Leeds.
- Former sports science student with interests in cricket and ju-jitsu
- Reportedly spent time at an Islamic study camp in Pakistan in 2005.
- Traveled to Pakistan with Mohammed Sidique Khan and left with him after spending three months there. Arrived on Turkish Airlines flight 1056 on 19 Nov. 2004 and left on Turkish Airlines flight 1057 on 8 Feb. 2005.
- Forensic evidence links him to Aldgate blast where he died.

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MOHAMMAD SIDIQUE KHAN



Mohammed Sidique Khan

- Aged 30, Pakistani descent
- Lived in Beeston, Leeds until recently moving to Dewsbury, West Yorkshire
- Married with a young daughter.
- Teaching assistant, worked at Hillside Primary School in Leeds since 2002
- ID found at Edgware scene.
- Believed to be responsible for Edgware bombing where he died.
- Traveled to Pakistan with Shehzad Tanweer and left with him after spending three months there. Arrived on Turkish Airlines flight 1056 on 19 Nov. 2004 and left on Turkish Airlines flight 1057 on 8 Feb. 2005.

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Lindsay Germaine

- Aged 19
- Jamaican-born British resident who lived in Buckinghamshire
- Convert to Islam
- Spent his childhood in Huddersfield, West Yorkshire
- Believed to be married with a 15-month-old child and another on the way.
- Believed to be linked to a house police are searching in Aylesbury.
- Believed to be responsible for King's Cross blast where he died.

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LIVERPOOL STREET & ALDGATE STATIONS

- At about 0850 local time an explosive device detonated aboard Circle line Underground train #204 while it was traveling east from Liverpool St. Station to Aldgate.
- The device is believed to have been carried by suicide bomber Shahzad Tanweer, 22.
- Material with the name of a third man who traveled from West Yorkshire has been found at the scenes at Aldgate and Edgware Rd.
- At least eight dead. More than 100 were injured, at least 10 seriously.
- Device is believed to contain 10lbs or less of TATP.
- The device is believed to have been small enough to have fit in a rucksack or bag.
- The device was placed on the floor of the third carriage.

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- Metropolitan Police Deputy Assistant Commissioner Brian Paddick said 700-900 people were on the train.



KING'S CROSS & RUSSELL SQUARE STATIONS

- At about 0850 local time an explosive device detonated aboard Piccadilly line Underground train #311 leaving King's Cross Station and headed south to Russell Square station.
- The attack is believed to have been executed by Germaine Lindsay, 19, who died in the blast.
- At least 27 dead.
- Device is believed to contain 10lbs or less of TATP.
- The device is believed to have been small enough to have fit in a rucksack or bag.

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- The device was placed on the floor of the first carriage by the first set of double doors where passengers stand.
- The Piccadilly line is 21.3 meters (70 ft) deep at the point where the device detonated.
- Both the King's Cross and Russell Square Stations were used to bring out casualties.
- Metropolitan Police Deputy Assistant Commissioner Brian Paddick said 700-900 people were on the train.

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EDGWARE ROAD STATION

- At about 0850 local time an explosive device detonated aboard the westbound Circle line Underground train #216 just leaving Edgware Road Station for Paddington Station. The device detonated approximately 100 yards into the tunnel. The device was powerful enough to blow through a wall onto another train on an adjoining platform. Both trains are believed to be Circle line trains.
- The attack is believed to have executed by Mohammed Sidique Khan, whose ID was found at the scene and who died in the blast.
- At least seven dead.
- Device is believed to contain 10lbs or less of TATP.
- The device is believed to have been small enough to have fit in a rucksack or bag.

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- The device was placed on the floor of the second carriage. It was close to the first set of double doors.
- Metropolitan Police Deputy Assistant Commissioner Brian Paddick said 700-900 people were on the train.



UPPER WOBURN SQUARE JUNCTION WITH TAVISTOCK SQUARE

- At about 0947 local time an explosive device detonated on the No. 30 double-decker bus at Upper Woburn Square junction with Tavistock Place in front of the British Medical Association. The bus was traveling from Hackney to Marble Arch. The bus was following a diversion from its normal route.
- The device was located on the upper deck towards the rear of the bus.
- The device is believed to have been carried by apparent suicide bomber Hasib Hussain, who died in the explosion.
- At least 14 dead.

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- Device is believed to contain 10lbs or less of TATP.
- The device is believed to have been small enough to have fit in a rucksack or bag.
- The device was placed on the floor or on a seat of the bus.
- Roof of the bus ripped off in the blast.
- The bus started its journey at Marble Arch at 0900. By 0905 it was in Gloucester Place, and at 0910 in the Marylebone Road. By 0930 local time it was in the Euston Road near the junction with Gower Street, heading East. The closure of Kings Cross Station, because of the attack on the Underground, meant that the bus had to be diverted from its normal route, to travel south into Woburn Place and Tavistock Square.
- A double-decker bus carries 73 people on the top and 33 on the bottom plus a driver for a total of 107 people. At the time of the blast, approximately 80 people are believed to have been on the bus.

LUTON VEHICLES

- “At Luton a vehicle has been found in the station car park which we suspect is connected to this investigation. Again, steps are being taken to ensure that there is no risk to the public.” Deputy Assistant Commissioner Peter Clarke, head of the MPS Anti-Terrorist Branch and National Coordinator of Terrorist Investigations
- Two cars at the Luton Central railway are believed to be connected to the investigation. One contained explosives.
- It is believed the cars were obtained in West Yorkshire and driven to Luton by the suspected bombers.

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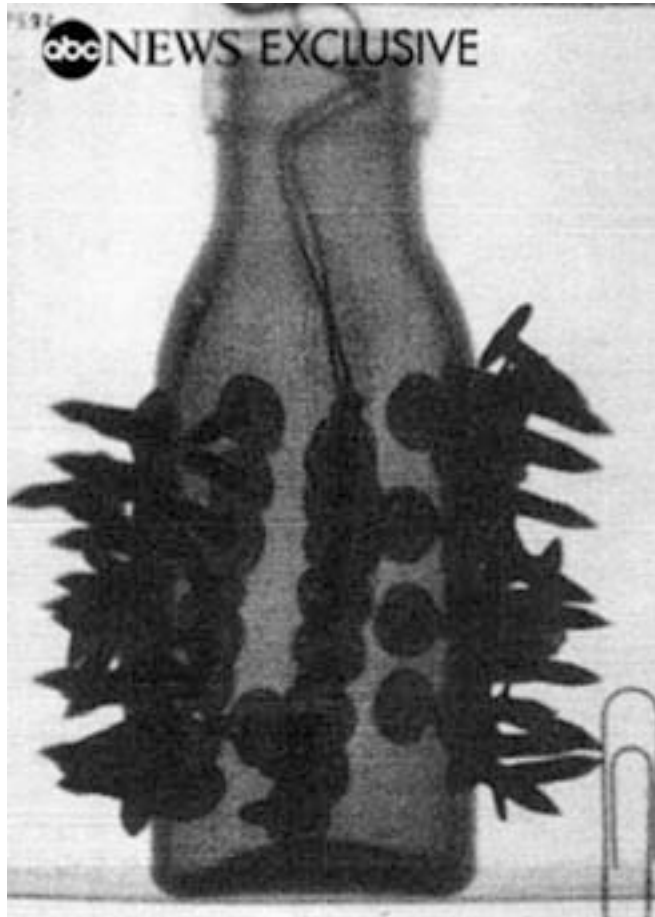
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LUTON DEVICES

• One of the vehicles found in Luton contained explosive devices. Below are images of some of those devices and related materials.



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WEST YORKSHIRE ARREST

- “One man has been arrested in West Yorkshire and will be brought to London to be questioned.” Deputy Assistant Commissioner Peter Clarke, head of the MPS Anti-Terrorist Branch and National Coordinator of Terrorist Investigations
- Man was arrested in Leeds and is reportedly believed to be related to one of the suspected bombers.

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LONDON CLAIM

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ID #2005-07-001

TCM Issue Date: 07 July 2005

Group: Secret Organization Group of al-Qaeda of Jihad Organization in Europe [Jama'at al-Tanzim al-Sirri, Tanzim Qa'idat al-Jihad fi Urupa]

Source: IntelCenter, 07 Jul. 2005

On 7 Jul. 2005, Secret Organization Group of al-Qaeda of Jihad Organization in Europe released a statement claiming responsibility for the Underground train and bus bombings in London earlier in the day. The credibility of the statement is undetermined. The statement said, "In the name of God, the Merciful, the Compassionate, may peace be upon the cheerful one and the dauntless fighter, Prophet Mohammed, God's peace be upon him. O nation of Islam and nation of Arabism: Rejoice for it is time to take revenge from the British Zionist Crusader government in retaliation for the massacres Britain is committing in Iraq and Afghanistan. The heroic mujahideen have carried out a blessed raid in London. Britain is now burning with fear, terror and panic in its northern, southern, eastern and western quarters. We have repeatedly warned the British government and people. We have fulfilled our promise and carried out our blessed military raid in Britain after our mujahideen exerted strenuous efforts over a long period of time to ensure the success of the raid. We continue to warn the governments of Denmark and Italy and all the Crusader governments that they will be punished in the same way if they do not withdraw their troops from Iraq and Afghanistan. He who warns is excused. God says: '[O ye who believe!] If ye will aid (the cause of) Allah, He will aid you, and plant your feet firmly.'"

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TCM Issue Date: 14 Mar. 2004

Group: al-Qaeda

Source: CNN, 13 Mar. 2004; BBC, 13 Mar. 2004; AP, 14 Mar. 2004; Reuters, 14 Mar. 2004; Boston Globe, 14 Mar. 2004; USA Today, 14 Mar. 2004; IntelCenter, 14 Mar. 2004

On 13 Mar. 2004, al-Qaeda claimed responsibility for the 11 Mar. train bombings in Madrid, Spain. The claim was made by an Arabic-speaking man who placed a phone call to a tv station in Madrid and notified them as to where a videotape could be found in a trash can near Madrid's largest Mosque. The station notified the authorities, who then retrieved the tape. The tape contained a video statement by someone who identified himself as the military spokesman for al-Qaeda in Europe, Abu Dujan al-Afghani. The man spoke in Arabic with a Moroccan accent. He said, "We declare our responsibility for what happened in Madrid exactly 2 1/2 years after the attacks on New York and Washington. It is a response to your collaboration with the criminals Bush and his allies. This is a response to the crimes that you have caused in the world, and specifically in Iraq and Afghanistan, and there will be more, if God wills it. You love life and we love death, which gives an example of what the Prophet Mohammed said. If you don't stop your injustices, more and more blood will flow and these attacks will seem very small compared to what can occur in what you call terrorism. This is a statement by the military spokesman for al-Qaeda in Europe, Abu Dujan al Afghani."

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SHEIKH OMAR BAKRI MOHAMMED

- In an interview with the Portuguese magazine, Publica, Sheikh Omar Bakri Mohammed said in 2004, "It's inevitable. Because several [attacks] are being prepared by several groups." He said, one "very well organized" group in London calling itself al-Qaeda Europe "has a great appeal for young Muslims," he said. "I know that they are ready to launch a big operation."

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RELEASE OF AYMAN AL-ZAWAHIRI AUDIO/VIDEO & ATTACKS

The last five audio/video releases by Ayman al-Zawahiri were followed by what can be considered signature al-Qaeda style operations within 6-30 days. However, it is important to note that the volume of attacks around the world by al-Qaeda and its affiliates, even when excluding Iraq and Afghanistan from the calculation, is so high that when married up with regular audio/video releases by al-Zawahiri at a rate of four or more a year, the appearance of a correlation between the two becomes inevitable.

Ayman al-Zawahiri has already made three audio/video releases in 2005. In 2004, al-Zawahiri made five and Osama bin Laden made six. In 2003, al-Zawahiri made four releases and Osama bin Laden made five. Both al-Zawahiri and bin Laden made 13 releases each between Jan. 2002 and 8 Jul. 2005.

Ayman al-Zawahiri Releases

The Ayman al-Zawahiri audio/video addresses factored into this analysis are listed below. There are a total of 13 releases between Jan. 2002 and 8 Jul. 2005.

- 17 Jun. 2005 – Video
- 20 Feb. 2005 – Video
- 30 Jan. 2005 – Audio
- 29 Nov. 2004 – Video
- 1 Oct. 2004 – Audio
- 9 Sep. 2004 – Video
- 25 Mar. 2004 – Audio
- 24 Feb. 2004 – Audio
- 19 Dec. 2003 – Audio
- 28 Sep. 2003 – Audio
- 3 Aug. 2003 – Audio
- 21 May 2003 – Audio
- Sep 2002 – Audio

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Osama bin Laden Releases

The Osama bin Laden audio/video addresses factored into this analysis are listed below. Following the dates are who bin Laden was addressing. There are a total of 13 releases between Jan. 2002 and 8 Jul. 2005.

- 27 Dec. 2004 - Audio
- 16 Dec. 2004 - Audio
- 29 Oct. 2004 – Video - Americans
- 6 May 2004 – Audio - Ummah and Muslim Brothers
- 15 Apr. 2004 – Audio - Europeans
- 4 Jan. 2004 – Audio - Ummah and Muslim Brothers
- 18 Oct. 2003 - Audio - Americans
- 18 Oct. 2003 – Audio - Iraqi People
- April 2003 – Audio - Muslim Brothers
- Feb. 2003 – Audio - Palestinians and Muslim Brothers
- 11 Feb. 2003 – Audio - Muslim Brothers in Iraq
- 12 Nov. 2002 – Audio - US Allies
- 6 Oct. 2002 – Audio - Americans

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Attacks

The attacks factored into this analysis along with dates are listed below. There are other low-level attacks conducted during this period. These were not counted for the purpose of this analysis due to a number of factors, including the prominence the attacks were given by the group in its communiqués and other writings.

- 11 Apr. 2002 – Crashing of Fuel Truck into Synagogue - Djerba, Tunisia
- 6 Oct. 2002 – Bombing of Limburg Oil Tanker - off Coast of Yemen
- 8 Oct. 2002 – Shooting Targeting US Marines - Failaka, Kuwait
- 28 Nov. 2002 – SAM strike & Vehicular Bombing - Mombasa, Kenya
- 12/13 May 2003 – Vehicular Bombing of Housing Compound - Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
- 16 May 2003 – Suicide Bombing - Casablanca, Morocco
- 8 Nov. 2003 – Vehicular Bombing of al-Muhaya Housing Compound - Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
- 15 Nov. 2003 – Vehicular Bombing of Synagogues - Istanbul, Turkey
- 20 Nov. 2003 – Vehicular Bombing of HSBC Bank HQ & UK Consulate – Istanbul, Turkey
- 11 Mar. 2004 – Bombing of Trains - Madrid, Spain
- 21 Apr. 2004 – Vehicular Bombing of Traffic Directorate - Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
- 1 May 2004 – Hostage Taking, ABB Lummus Global - Yanbu, Saudi Arabia
- 29 May 2004 – Hostage Taking, Oil Industry Offices - al-Khobar, Saudi Arabia
- 8 Jun. 2004 – Shooting, American Robert Jacobs – Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
- 12 Jun. 2004 – Shooting, Kidnapping Americans Kenneth Scroggs & Paul Johnson – Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
- 7 Oct. 2004 – Vehicular Bombings, Taba Hilton & Resort/Tourist Areas – Taba, Egypt
- 29 Dec. 2004 – Vehicular Bombings, Interior Ministry & Special Emergency Forces HQ – Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
- 14 Feb. 2005 – Vehicular Bombing, Assassination of former Lebanese PM Rafik Hariri – Beirut, Lebanon
- 19 Mar. 2005 – Vehicular Bombing, Doha Players Theater (UK) – Doha, Qatar
- 7 Jul. 2005 – Bombings, London Underground & Bus – London, UK

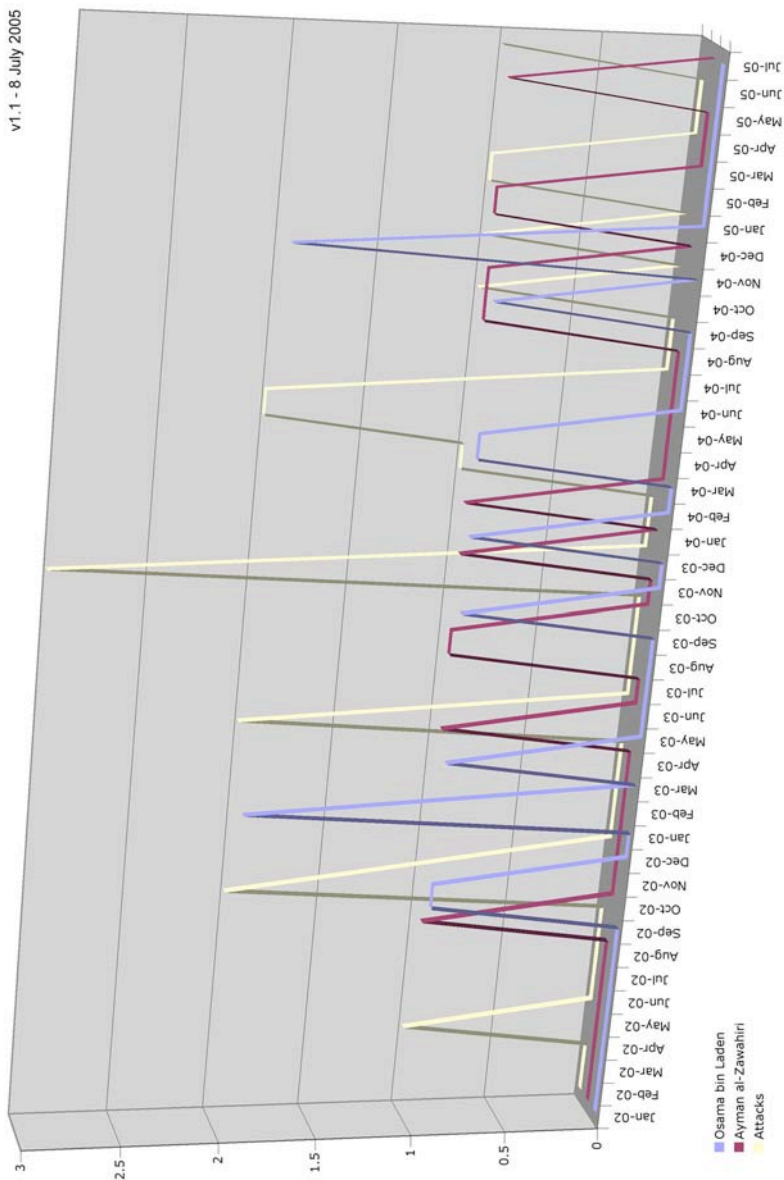
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AL-ZAWAHIRI AUDIO RELEASE ON 17 JUN. 2005

THREAT & CLAIM MONITOR (TCM)

ID #2005-06-001

TCM Issue Date: 17 June 2005

Group: al-Qaeda

Source: IntelCenter, 17 Jun. 2005; al-Jazeera TV, Doha, 1830 GMT, 17 Jun. 2005

On 17 Jun. 2005, al-Jazeera aired several excerpts of a video from al-Qaeda's Ayman al-Zawahiri. It is unclear how long the entire video was and what if any other statements were made by al-Zawahiri. In the first segment, al-Zawahiri said, "Real reform is based on three principles. The first principle is the rule of Shariah because it is the Shariah revealed from the Lord to His servants and which ensures their interests, freedom, dignity and pride. It also safeguards their honor. And because it is the Shariah, which the Islamic nation accepts no other, after having suffered from methods that are contrary to Islam, imposed on the Islamic nation through force and repression. The second principle for reform is the freedom of Muslim countries. We cannot imagine having any kind of reform while our country is occupied by the Crusader forces spread in all corners of our country. It is not possible to imagine any kind of reform while the crusader forces are taking up positions in our country, enjoying support, supplies, facilities and storage, and the ability to take off from our countries to attack our brothers and sisters everywhere in Muslim countries. We cannot imagine having any kind of reform while our governments are governed by US embassies in our countries. These embassies interfere in all our affairs. The third principle for reform is the freedom of the Muslim nation in running its affairs. This kind of reform can only be achieved through two things. The first is the freedom of independent and Shariah-based judiciary, the implementation of its rules and ensuring its stature, influence and power. The second is the freedom of the Muslim nation and its right to enjoin what is just and forbid what is wrong." In the second segment, al-Zawahiri said, "What I also want to assert is that driving the invading Crusader troops and Jews from the countries of Islam cannot be achieved only through demonstrations and chanting slogans in the street. We can achieve reform and drive the invaders out of the countries of Islam only through fighting in the cause of God. Almighty God says: 'And fight them on until there is no more Tumult or oppression, and there prevail justice and faith in Allah altogether and everywhere.' And Almighty God says: 'Fight them, and

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Allah will punish them by your hands, cover them with shame, help you (to victory) over them, heal the breasts of Believers.” In the third segment, al-Zawahiri said, “I salute my brothers, the lions of Islam, who are garrisoned on the holy frontiers of Islam in the environs of Jerusalem. I beseech them, invoking the name of the Almighty God, not to renounce their jihad; not to lay down their arms; not to believe the agents' counsel; not to remember [corrects himself] not to forget the lessons of history; not to trust the secularists, who sold Palestine for a cheap price; and not to allow themselves to be dragged into the game of secular elections under a secular constitution.”

AL-QAEDA ATTACKS AGAINST UK INTERESTS

The below listing of attacks is of successful strikes executed against British interests by al-Qaeda or its affiliates.

19 Mar. 2005 – Doha Players Theater (British) – Doha, Qatar

Vehicular bombing of theater while a play was being performed.

15 Sep. 2004 – British National Edmond Smith – Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Shooting targeting Edmond Smith.

6 Jun. 2004 – BBC Crew – Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Shooting attack on BBC film crew.

20 Nov. 2003 – HSBC Bank HQ & UK Consulate – Istanbul, Turkey

Simultaneous vehicular bombings of HSBC Bank HQ in Istanbul and UK Consulate.

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AL-QAEDA THREATS AGAINST UK

1 Oct. 2004 – Ayman al-Zawahiri

THREAT & CLAIM MONITOR (TCM)

ID #2004-10-001

TCM Issue Date: 1 Oct. 2004

Group: al-Qaeda

Source: al-Jazeera, Doha, 1200 GMT, 1 Oct. 2004

On 1 Oct. 2004, al-Jazeera aired a new audio tape from al-Qaeda's Ayman al-Zawahiri. It is unclear how long the original audio tape is. In a passage al-Jazeera aired al-Zawahiri said: "Defending Palestine is not a national zeal or ethnic bigotry nor is it a political struggle, rather in the first place it is a religious cause. The liberation of Palestine is an individual duty set down for every Muslim. Muslims cannot allow any abandonment of Palestine, even if the whole world abandons it. In Palestine, we not only face the Jews, but we also face the global coalition against Islam, led by the crusader and Zionist United States and the crusader West and the agent leaders behind them. Hence, confining the battle against the Jews to Palestine, and leaving the United States without attacking it, will not curb the excesses of the Americans and the crusaders against us, for the Americans decided to establish Israel more than 60 years ago. They have not stopped supporting it to this day. They do not allow any encroachment upon Israel or upon its ambitions. Have we forgotten who killed [Hamas founder and spiritual leader] Ahmed Yassin and [Hamas leader in Gaza Abd-al-Aziz] al-Rantisi? Not only the Jews killed them, the Americans participated as well. [This killing was carried out by] The Americans, who support the Jews; Europe, which defends their presence; and our agent rulers, who let them violate the sanctity of Palestine and have left the Palestinian people to face the new crusader-Jewish campaign alone." In a second aired excerpt he continued saying: "This is the age for the resistance of the Muslim nation, after governments have languished and yielded to the crusader occupier. Let us learn a lesson from Chechnya, Afghanistan, Iraq and Palestine. Authority was absented or toppled, but the resistance remained. The governments in Chechnya and Afghanistan became a leadership for the resistance. We must not wait until the American, British, French, Jewish, South Korean, Hungarian and Polish forces enter Egypt, the Arab peninsula, Yemen and Algeria and

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then begin the resistance. We should begin the resistance now. The interests of the Americans, British, Australians, French, Polish, Norwegians, South Koreans and Japanese are everywhere. They all participated in the occupation of Afghanistan, Iraq and Chechnya, or supplied Israel with the means of subsistence. We should not wait any longer; otherwise, we will be devoured one country after the other, in the same way as they occupied us during the past two centuries. The stage for governing by proxy has ended. The Islamic world has now entered into the stage of occupation and dividing areas of influence. The youth should not wait for anyone. They should begin the resistance now, and they should learn lessons from Iraq, Afghanistan and Chechnya. They should learn how the resistance ruined the plans of the crusaders and Jews, and put them in the predicament of the defender looking for an escape. If the mujahideen in Iraq, Afghanistan, Chechnya and Palestine had become negligent, then the enemies would have been able to take over their land and then turned to others to occupy. Those with a sense of judgment and experience should organize their efforts and form a resistance leadership to confront the crusader campaign, in the same way that the mujahideen organized their affairs in Afghanistan, Chechnya and Palestine, against the will of the occupiers and their agent national governments. O youth of Islam, this is our message. If we are killed or taken prisoner, continue along the path after us. Do not betray God, or his prophet or your trust. Our last prayer is to thank God Almighty. May God's blessings be upon his prophet, his household and his companions."

21 May 2003 – Ayman al-Zawahiri

THREAT & CLAIM MONITOR (TCM)

ID #2003-05-0007

TCM Issue Date: 22 May 2003

Group: al-Qaeda

Source: al-Jazeera, 21 May 2003

On 21 May 2003, al-Jazeera aired a 03:30 audio message from al-Qaeda second-in-charge Ayman al-Zawahiri. He said: "After the partitioning of Iraq, it will be the turn of Saudi Arabia, Iran, Syria and Pakistan. They will leave around Israel only torn up fragments of semi-states dependent, submissive and subservient to America and Israel.

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These are the facts, clear before you Muslims. All the old and worn out masks have fallen. Here are the rulers of the Muslims with their airports, air bases and facilities. They [Arab rulers] allow their [US and UK] ships to sail in their waters and they supply them with fuel, food and supplies. They also permit their aircraft to fly in their air space, even to take off from their [Arab] airports. They [Arab rulers] welcome their massive [US and UK] armies to attack Iraq from their territories. Here is Saudi Arabia from whose airports the aircraft take off. Here is Kuwait from whose territories the massive armies advance. Here is Qatar in which the campaign command is based. Here is Bahrain in which the Fifth Fleet command is stationed. Here is Egypt through whose [Suez] Canal the battleships sail. Here is Yemen from whose ports the crusader ships get their supplies. Here is Jordan in which the crusader forces are deployed and in which batteries of Patriot missiles are set up to protect Israel. After all this, they [Arab rulers] shout in a hypocritical and deceptive way that they oppose the war on Iraq. Protests, demonstrations and conferences will be of no use to you. Nothing will benefit you other than taking up arms and crushing you enemies, the Americans and the Jews. Demonstrations will not bring back, nor will they protect the threatened honor, throw out the occupying enemy, or deter a stubborn aggressor. The crusaders and the Jews only understand the language of murder and bloodshed, and will only be convinced by the returning coffins and the destroyed interests, the burning towers and the crumbling economy. O Muslims, take action against the embassies of the USA, England, Australia and Norway and against their interests, companies and employees. Burn the land under their feet. They are not entitled to [our] protection, covenant or security. Throw those criminals out of your countries. Do not allow the Americans, the British, the Australians and Norwegians and other crusaders - the killers of your brothers in Iraq - to live in your countries, enjoy their wealth and ravage them. Follow the example of your 19 brothers who attacked America with their planes in New York and Washington and caused it harm it had never witnessed before and from which it was still suffering until today. O Iraqi people, we had defeated those crusaders several times in the past and threw them out of our countries and sacred places. You should know that you are not alone in the battle. Your mujahideen brothers are pursuing your enemies and lying in wait for them. The mujahideen in Palestine, Afghanistan, Chechnya and even in the heart of America and the West are making those crusaders taste every kind of death. The next few days will bring you news that will comfort your hearts God willing."

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