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Nizar Trabelsi is seen in this July 1992 file photo in Wuppertal, Germany, when he played with the German soccer club Wuppertaler Sport Verein. Tunisian-born Trabelsi, the lead suspect in Belgium's biggest-ever terrorism trial was convicted Tuesday, Sept 30, 2003, of plotting to blow up a U.S. military base in eastern Belgium. Trabelsi, who used to play professional soccer in Germany, faces up to 10 years in prison on the charge. He had admitted to planning to drive a car bomb into the canteen of the Kleine Brogel air base, where 100 U.S. military personnel work.

Nizar Trabelsi in Wuppertal, Germany, in 1992, when he played with the German soccer club Wuppertaler Sport Verein.

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Image: Osama bin Laden

Osama bin Laden speaks to a group of reporters in the mountains of Helmand province in southern Afghanistan in 1998.

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