

Osama bin Mohammed bin Awad bin Laden was the founder of al-Qaeda. It is the Sunni militant Islamist organization based in Afghanistan, which has carried out numerous mass-casualty attacks against civilian and military targets in the United States along with numerous other mass-casualty attacks against civilian and military targets. He was a Saudi Arabian citizen who moved to the United States with his family in 1967. He studied there in college until 1979. He joined the mujahideen forces fighting against the Soviet Union in Afghanistan and the mujahideen by funneling arms, money and fighters from the Arab world into Afghanistan. In 1988, he formed al-Qaeda in Sudan. US pressure forced him to leave Sudan in 1996. After establishing a new base in Afghanistan, he declared jihad against the United States and related attacks. Bin Laden was on the American Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) lists of Ten Most Wanted Terrorists in the 1998 U.S. embassy bombings.