

(U//FOUO) The [redacted] Family

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(U//FOUO) [redacted] is a member of a large and wealthy Saudi family. The family patriarch [redacted] came to the kingdom from Hadramout (South Yemen) sometime around 1930.¹

- In Saudi Arabia, [redacted] father became a construction magnate, completing prestigious projects such as the renovation of the holy mosques in Mecca and Medina. As a result, the [redacted] are a highly respected family both within the Saudi royal household and with the public.

(U//FOUO) There is some confusion as to the total number of [redacted] siblings.

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- Some cite that he is the youngest of some 20 sons,² while others claim he is the seventh son.³
- The total number of his siblings might be 50,⁴ 52,⁵ or 54.⁶ In an interview, [redacted] seemed unsure as well, citing that he had 25 brothers—although he could remember the names of only 20.⁷
- Nearly all of these siblings are half-brothers or half-sisters, as [redacted] father had multiple wives. [redacted] is cited as having only one son.⁸

(U//FOUO) The [redacted] family has denounced [redacted] repeatedly.

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- In 1994, the [redacted] family issued a statement expressing its "regret, denunciation and condemnation of all acts that [redacted] may have committed, which we do not condone and we reject."⁹
- After the attacks on the US on September 11, 2001, the current head of the family, [redacted]

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 [redacted]
 [redacted] "10 [redacted] is [redacted]
 [redacted]

¹ "A Biography of [redacted]" PBS Frontline, 26 September 2001.

² [redacted] "Child of Privilege Who Champions Holy War." 14 September 2001.

³ [redacted] "Afghanistan: Who is [redacted] and What Makes Him Tick?" Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty. 14 September 2001.

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⁴ [redacted] "A 'Master Impresario'." Washington Post, 13 September 2001.

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⁵ [redacted] "Aims to Ride 'Infidels'." Associated Press, 15 September 2001.

⁶ [redacted] "Reportedly Says He Has Armed Afghanistan." Boston Globe, 26 September 2001.

⁷ [redacted]

⁸ [redacted] "Denounced by His Family." Independent Television News, 15 September 2001.

⁹ Ibid.

(U//FOUO) The Bin Laden Family

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(U//FOUO) Osama Bin Laden is a member of a large and wealthy Saudi family. The family patriarch Mohammed Awad Bin Laden came to the kingdom from Hadramout (South Yemen) sometime around 1930.¹

- In Saudi Arabia, OBL's father became a construction magnate, completing prestigious projects such as the renovation of the holy mosques in Mecca and Medina. As a result, the Bin Ladens are a highly respected family both within the Saudi royal household and with the public.

(U//FOUO) There is some confusion as to the total number of OBL's siblings.

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- Some cite that he is the youngest of some 20 sons,² while others claim he is the seventh son.³
- The total number of his siblings might be 50,⁴ 52,⁵ or 54.⁶ In an interview, OBL seemed unsure as well, citing that he had 25 brothers—although he could remember the names of only 20.⁷
- Nearly all of these siblings are half-brothers or half-sisters, as OBL's father had multiple wives. [redacted] is cited as having only one son.⁸

(U//FOUO) The Bin Laden family has denounced Osama repeatedly.

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- In 1994, the Bin Laden family issued a statement expressing its "regret, denunciation and condemnation of all acts that OBL may have committed, which we do not condone and we reject."⁹

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- After the attacks on the US on September 11, 2001, the current head of the family [redacted]

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 [redacted]
 [redacted] "10 [redacted] is [redacted]
 [redacted]

¹ "A Biography of Osama Bin Laden" PBS Frontline, 26 September 2001.

² Bin Laden Child of Privilege Who Champions Holy War." 14 September 2001.

³ "Afghanistan: Who is OBL and What Makes Him Tick?" Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty. 14 September 2001.

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⁴ Ibid. ?
⁵ Bin Laden A 'Master Impresario'." Washington Post, 13 September 2001.

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⁶ [redacted] Aims to Ride 'Infidels'." Associated Press, 15 September 2001.

⁷ Bin Laden Reportedly Says He Has Armed Afghanistan." Boston Globe, 26 September 2001.

⁸ [redacted]

⁹ OBL Denounced by His Family." Independent Television News, 15 September 2001.

¹⁰ Ibid.