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The 9/11 gang that got away

Secret documents reveal existence of previously unknown alleged plotters ... who are still at large

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The WikiLeaks files

By Steven Scalet, Robert Willmet and Nick Allen in Los Angeles

THE FBI has launched a hunt for a previously unknown team of men suspected of being part of the September 11 attacks, *The Daily Telegraph* can disclose.

Secret documents disclose that the three Qatari men, who had flown into America from London, coordinated surveillance on the targets of the attacks, provided "support" to the plotters and had tickets for a flight to Washington on the eve of the attacks.

They allegedly carried out surveillance at the World Trade Center, the White House and in Virginia, the US state where the Pentagon and CIA headquarters are based.

Ten days later, they flew to Los Angeles, where they stationed themselves in a hotel near the airport which the FBI has now established was paid for by a "coincidental terrorist", who had also paid for their airline tickets.

Hotel staff later told investigators they saw uniforms in their room along with computer print-outs listing pilot names, flight numbers and times, and packages addressed to Syria, Afghanistan, Jerusalem and Jordan.

On Sept 16 they were booked on an American Airlines flight from Los Angeles to Washington but failed to board. The following day the same Boeing 757 aircraft was hijacked by five terrorists and crashed into the Pentagon.

Instead of boarding their flight to Washington, the Qatari suspects - named as Mehdi Alajiri, Fahad Al-Abdulla and Ali Al-Hadi - flew back to London on a British Airways flight before returning to Qatar. Their exact location is unknown.

Investigators are also hunting a fourth man, Mohamed Al-Musoud, an Al-Qaeda operative who they say supported the alleged terrorist cell while they were in the US.

The men, who is from the United Arab Emirates, previously lived in Long Beach, Los Angeles. His current location is also unknown and US officials recommended that he was put on an international terrorism watch list because he "may pose a threat to aviation in the US and abroad".

The details of the previously unknown 9/11 team have emerged in a secret American government document obtained by WikiLeaks website and passed to *The Daily Telegraph*. It was sent between the American Embassy in Doha, Qatar, and the Department for Homeland Security in Washington.

The document, sent on Feb 11, 2010, states: "Mr Al-Musoud is currently under investigation by the FBI for his possible involvement in the 11 September 2001 attacks. He is suspected

of aiding people who entered the US before the attacks to conduct surveillance of possible targets and providing other support to the hijackers." Details of the unknown 9/11 alleged plotters have never previously been disclosed. An official inquiry into the 9/11 attacks, which killed almost 3,000 people, indicated that the hijackers may have received assistance in Los Angeles but investigators did not publicly provide more details.

The 9/11 Commission report, published in July 2004, states that at least two of the hijackers previously visited Los Angeles but, at the time, investigators appeared to have little information on their movements. The report states they had a "brief stay in Los Angeles about which we know little".

Only one person, Zuhair Mousaoui, has been tried and convicted over involvement in the 9/11 attacks as all the terrorists died in the crashed planes. Mousaoui, accused of being the "20th hijacker", was sentenced to life in prison.

The secret American document contains detailed information about the movements of the three alleged Qatari plotters.

They took BA flight 85 from London to New York on Aug 15, 2001, and the memo alleges that they subsequently conducted "surveillance" on potential targets ahead of the 9/11 attacks. It states: "They visited the World Trade Center, the Statue of Liberty, the White House and various areas in Virginia."

They then flew on an American Airlines flight from Washington to Los Angeles, arriving on Aug 24 and checking into a three-bed room at a hotel near the airport. They paid with cash and, during the last few days of their stay, requested that their room should not be cleaned.

The cable states: "Hotel cleaning staff grew suspicious of the men because they ordered pilot-type uniforms, several laptops and several confidential books addressed to Syria, Jerusalem, Afghanistan and Jordan in the rooms on previous cleaning visits."

"The men had a smashed cellular phone in the room and a cellular phone attached by wire to a computer. The room also contained pin feed computer paper printouts with headers listing pilot names, flight numbers and flight times."

While in the US, they were aided by Mr Al-Musoud. The secret document also states that the three Qatari men spent a week travelling with Mr Al-Musoud to "different destinations in California".

The Qatari men were scheduled to board American Airlines Flight 114 on Sept 10 from Los Angeles to Washington but did not turn up. They instead boarded a British Airways flight to London, before flying back to Doha on another BA flight.

The following day the same American Airlines aircraft which they had



An airliner explodes in a ball of fire as it hits the south tower of the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001

Al-Qaeda 'is planning a dirty bomb'

By Heidi Blake and Christopher Hope

AL-QAEDA is actively trying to secure nuclear material and recruiting rogue scientists to build a radioactive "dirty" bomb, according to leaked diplomatic documents.

A leading atomic regulator has previously warned that the world stands on the brink of a "nuclear 9/11". Security briefings suggest that jihadist groups are also close to procuring "portable and efficient" biological and chemical weapons that could kill thousands if unleashed in attacks on the West.

Thousands of classified American cables obtained by the WikiLeaks website and passed to *The Daily Telegraph* detail the international struggle to stop the spread of weapons-grade nuclear, chemical and biological material around the globe.

At a Nato meeting in January 2010, security chiefs briefed senior states that Al-Qaeda was plotting a programme of "dirty radioactive IEDs", makeshift nuclear bombs that could be used against British troops in Afghanistan.

As well as causing a large explosion, a "dirty bomb" attack would contaminate the area for many years. The intelligence also states that Al-Qaeda documents found in Afghanistan in 2007 revealed that "dirty substances" had been made in his operations than was previously realised.

An Indian national security adviser told American security personnel in June 2008 that terrorists had made a "careless attempt to get inside material" and "have the technical expertise to manufacture an explosive device beyond a mere dirty bomb".

Alerts about the smuggling of nuclear material, sent to Washington from foreign US embassies, document how criminal and terrorist groups are trafficking large amounts of highly radioactive material across Europe, Africa and the Middle East.

The alerts explain how customs guards at remote border crossings were routinely alerted to identify and seize caches of uranium and plutonium.

Flight crews were found to be carrying weapons-grade nuclear material across the Kazakhstan-Russia border. Highly enriched uranium was transported across Uganda by bus, and a "small time trader" in Jackson offered to sell nuclear plutonium stolen from Chernobyl.

In one incident in September 2004, two employees of the Russian Uranium Mine in Namibia smuggled almost half a ton of uranium concentrate powder - yellowcake - out of the compound in plastic bags.

"Acute safety and security concerns" were also cited in 2010 about the uranium and plutonium laboratory of

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WikiLeaks: British Muslims sending problem children ‘al-Qaeda’ schools

British Muslims are sending their “problem children” to Islamic schools in Kashmir on the India-Pakistan border where they are at risk of being recruited by al-Qaeda, officials have warned.

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WikiLeaks: UN aid cash went to Islamist insurgents

The United Nations was paying one of the world’s most notorious terrorist groups after getting “too close” to it, secret documents disclose.

Daily Telegraph, 4 February 2011

WikiLeaks cables: US launched anti-extremist campaign to reverse UK radicalisation

The United States launched a secret campaign to reverse the radicalisation of young Islamists in Britain, amid American fears that this country had the most hard-line Muslim communities in Europe.

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WikiLeaks cables: The British counter-terror programme that ‘fails to stop extremists’

The British programme to counter Islamic extremism has been widely criticised over its failure to stop home-grown terrorists.

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WikiLeaks cables: British Muslims travelling to Somalia for ‘jihadi tourism’

British Muslims are travelling to Somalia for “jihadi tourism” to train for terrorist attacks in Britain, the secret documents reveal.

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[WikiLeaks cables: FBI investigation into suspected 911 gang to be reviewed](#)

WikiLeaks cables: Counter-terrorism division of the FBI has asked its staff to look again at the evidence.

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[WikiLeaks: Treasury 'slow to act in blocking terrorist finance'](#)

America accused the Treasury of blocking attempts to close down "terrorist financiers" operating in Britain and being more concerned with protecting the interests of the City, leaked documents show.

Daily Telegraph, 3 February 2011

[WikiLeaks: Chinese weapons fall into hands of insurgents](#)

Chinese-made weapons have fallen into the hands of insurgents fighting Coalition forces in Iraq and Afghanistan because of China's failure to enforce export controls on arms to Iran, the leaked cables show.

Daily Telegraph, 3 February 2011

[WikiLeaks: Vanished FBI officer Robert Levinson 'held by Iranian Revolutionary Guards'](#)

A former FBI officer who disappeared in mysterious circumstances in Iran four years ago has been held by the country's Revolutionary Guard, the cables suggest.

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[WikiLeaks: Sale of uranium mine blocked over Iran fears](#)

The US intervened in the £371 million sale of a Canadian-owned mine in Africa because of fears that uranium ore would be sold to Iran, the leaked cables show.

Daily Telegraph, 3 February 2011

[WikiLeaks: tension in the Middle East and Asia has direct potential to lead to nuclear war'](#)

Tension in the Middle East and Asia has given rise to an escalating atomic arms and missiles race which has "the direct potential to lead to nuclear war," leaked diplomatic documents disclose.

Daily Telegraph, 2 February 2011

[WikiLeaks: Did al-Qaeda plot a fifth attack on 9/11?](#)

A group of Qataris suspected of conducting surveillance on the targets of 9/11, and providing "support" to the plotters of the atrocities, were due to fly to Washington on the eve of the attacks, the Daily Telegraph can reveal.

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[WikiLeaks: what the cables said about the 9/11 Qatari gang](#)

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[WikiLeaks: terrorists plan to use 'teddy bear bombs' to blow up planes](#)

Terrorists are planning to use children's toys such as teddy bears to get bombs onto planes, according to leaked diplomatic dispatches.

Daily Telegraph, 2 February 2011

[WikiLeaks: Gordon Brown ordered Pakistani president to kill Osama bin Laden](#)

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[WikiLeaks: FBI hunts the 9/11 gang that got away](#)

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[WikiLeaks: 9/11 Commission report hinted at network of US 'accomplices'](#)

The official 9/11 Commission report into the attacks made no mention of another team of potential hijackers - but did hint at a "support network of accomplices" who had eluded investigators.

Daily Telegraph, 1 February 2011

[WikiLeaks: 9/11 gang with pilot uniforms fled to London](#)

Even before three men of Middle Eastern appearance had told cleaners to stay out of their room, staff at a Los Angeles airport hotel had become increasingly suspicious of what they were up to.

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