## PRIOR ATTACKS - EMBASSY BOMBINGS



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This image depicts damage at the American Embassy in Nairobi, Kenya following an Al-Qaeda terrorist attack on August 7, 1998. The bombing occurred within four minutes of a coordinated attack against the U.S. Embassy in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. Copyright, Reuters, all rights reserved. Image provided here as fair use for educational purposes.

On 7 August 1998, <u>Al-Qaeda</u> terrorists bombed the U.S. Embassy Compounds in Nairobi, Kenya and <u>Dar es Salaam</u>, <u>Tanzania</u>.

The coordinated <u>attacks</u> took place about four minutes apart. At least <u>212 people</u> died and thousands more were <u>injured</u>.

<u>In Nairobi</u>, many of the victims were working in nearby buildings when the bomb exploded at approximately 10:40 a.m. local time. The American Embassy, located in a congested part of town, was <u>gutted</u> as the blast ripped through each floor and <u>pulverized</u> nearby vehicles.

The FBI, in the largest overseas deployment of agents in FBI history, conducted more than 1,000 interviews. As a <u>result</u> of that massive investigation, 22 people were charged with bombing the embassies.

In May of 2001, <u>four</u> individuals were convicted even as a primary defendant - Osama Bin Laden, <u>who had declared</u> (in a 1998 ABC interview) that "We are certain that we shall-with the grace of Allah-prevail over the Americans" - remained a fugitive. Those convicted men were sentenced to life in prison in October of 2001.

In August of 1997, about one year before the embassy bombings, Kenyan police and FBI agents found a very disturbing <u>letter</u> on the computer hard drive of longtime Bin Laden aide, <u>Wadih El Hage</u>. (He was one of the four convicted for bombing the embassies.) Near its end, the letter states:

#### As you know, the decision to declare war on America was taken...

The following year, from his headquarters in Afghanistan, bin Laden was very clear about his intentions. According to the "National Commission on Terrorist Attacks upon The United States," bin Laden arranged for a document to be published in a London-based, Arabic-language newspaper. It contained, among others, these words about the duty of his co-religionists toward Americans located anywhere on earth:

[it is the] individual duty for every Muslim who can do it in any country in which it is possible to do it [that is, to murder Americans] (See Commission Report, "The Foundation of the New Terrorism," 2.1, quoting the fatwa bin Laden issued in 1998.)

Government officials understandably observe that they receive so many <u>warnings</u> it is frequently impossible for them to determine which are real. But on 12 October 2000, another terrorist attack killed more Americans.

This time the victims were onboard the U.S. guided missile destroyer USS Cole (DDG 67).

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Embassy Bombing - Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

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#### Embassy Bombings, 1998 - Injured People

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Collapsed US Embassy building in Nairobi, 7 August

# Embassy Bombing - Nairobi Disaster

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## Nairobi - Truck Bombing Results

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