Terrorism: Usama Bin Ladin Trying to Develop WMD Capability?

Summary
agents of Usama Bin Ladin purchased a
container of uranium
but
bogus nuclear material
efforts by Bin Ladin suggests he is taking steps to develop the capability to
use weapons of mass destruction (WMD)—possibly involving chemical
agents and biological toxins as well as nuclear material—for terrorist
operations, or may plan to give these substances to supporters.
Pursuing WMD?

effort by Bin Ladin's agents in 1994 to purchase uranium:

in a metallic cylinder

bogus weapons-grade nuclear material
Information from the past several years tying Bin Ladin to other efforts to acquire WMD capabilities:

The possibility of mounting operations with WMD was exploring

To What End?

Bin Ladin's stated intention to undertake hostile acts against the US presence in the Persian Gulf region--based as it is on an implacable antipathy toward the United States--could be abetted strongly by access to WMD material.

- In public statements made in late November, Bin Ladin warned that "qualitative operations" would be necessary to pursue "a real battle between the Islamic Nation and US forces." We do not know exactly what Bin Ladin might be threatening or how serious he is about following threats with action.

Targeting US interests in the Persian Gulf:
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