

Al Qa'idah town

Established as a military garrison in 1174 by an invading army led by Saladin's brother, two hundred years later a town on the site kept the same name, Al Qa'idah or 'The Base' in English.

Al Qaeda's Base

Established in 1987 by Osama bin Laden for foreign fighters returning from defeating the Soviet Union in Afghanistan.

The **red line** shows my route when I was taken to this base for a meeting in 1997. Saeed Alrobaidi of the Hayel Saeed Anam Group arranged my visit there and the meeting.

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