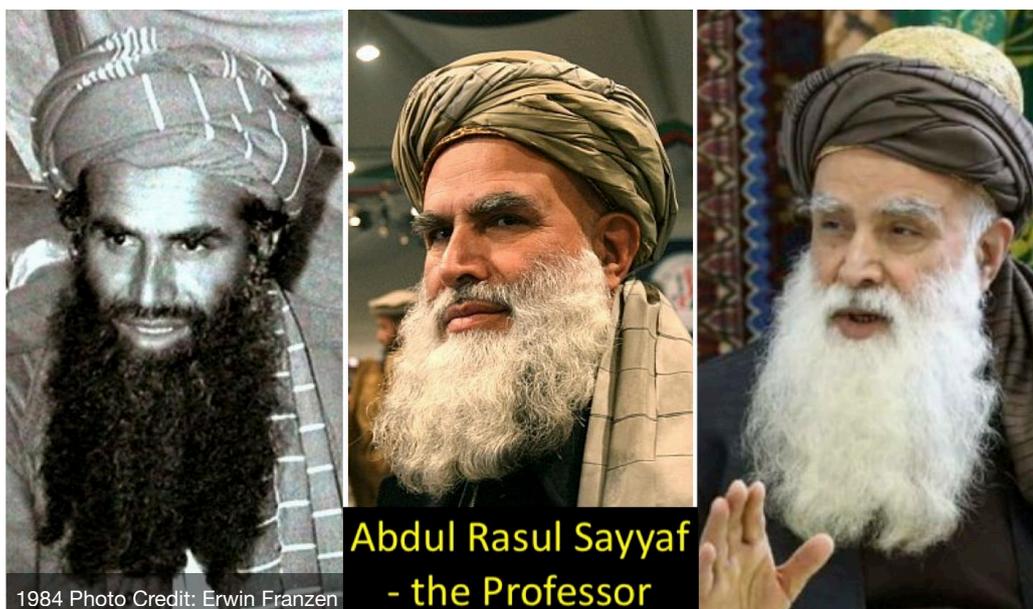


# Abdul Rasul Sayyaf - 9/11's True Mastermind

by Anthony C Heaford, 13 August 2022



**Professor** Abdul Rasul Sayyaf is a Godfather figure in Afghan politics - controlling events from the shadows through his proxies - yet he remains barely mentioned by the mainstream media. That obscurity is enabled by virtually every official, institution & journalist commenting on Afghanistan failing to report on his history and current activities, despite these publicly documented facts:

- Abdul Rasul Sayyaf employed trained and mentored 9/11 terrorist Khalid Sheikh Mohammed (KSM) from 1987 to 1992. KSM's terror spree started in 1993.
- Sayyaf is mentioned EIGHT times in the [9/11 Commission report](#) for his relationship with KSM
- The 1993 World Trade Centre bomber [Ramzi Yousef](#) (KSM's nephew) trained in Sayyaf's jihadi camps.
- The Filipino terror group [Abu Sayyaf are named in his honour](#) after he trained, mentored and financed their founder, Filipino Abdurajak Abubakar Janjalani.
- [Sayyaf is widely believed to have invited Osama bin Laden and his al Qaeda fighters to take sanctuary in Afghanistan after bin Laden was forced to leave Sudan in 1996.](#) Osama bin Laden was hosted by an ally of Sayyaf upon his arrival in Afghanistan but was soon handed over to the Taliban / Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan to host. Sayyaf is a staunch enemy of the Taliban, hence his alliance with NATO during their twenty year occupation.
- [Sayyaf vouched for and sent the assassins who murdered Western ally Ahmad Shah Massoud on 09 September 2001](#), just two days before the 9/11 attacks. Sayyaf secured access to Massoud for the two assassins posing as journalists in mid August 2001 - coinciding with the date the 9/11 hijackers booked their tickets for their 9/11 flights. Evidence supporting those assertions was published by The New Yorker magazine, the text of which is copied at the end of this document, linked here
- One of the hijacker's last messages sent from the USA to [Ramzi bin al-Shibh in Germany](#), after booking their 9/11 flight tickets, said "Regards to the Professor". Hijacker Abu Abdul Rahman, pretended to send a love message to his German girlfriend via an Internet chatroom ([likely setup by former Guantanamo detainee Mohamedou Slahi](#)), who was actually al-Shibh:

*"The first semester commences in three weeks.  
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While I refer to Sayyaf as a Warlord, his common honorific title is 'Ustad' - which means 'Professor'. There can be little doubt that *'the Professor'* referred to in the 9/11 hijacker's last message was Sayyaf and that the salutation referred to his having gained access to Ahmad Shah Massoud for the two assassins. Pictured here is Sayyaf's old official twitter account for which he used his honorific title 'Ustad', meaning 'Professor'.

9/11 was a two part mission - first the physical attacks on the United States mainland, and then the second part was the framing of bin Laden and the Taliban in order to provoke an invasion of Afghanistan by the USA.

And yet despite his factual relationship with Khalid Sheikh Mohammed (9/11's Engineer) and his blindingly obvious role in international terrorism (Abu Sayyaf are named after him!) Sayyaf was:

- Paid a \$100,000\* retainer by CIA operative Gary Schroen in October 2001
- 'strongly supported' by NATO during their occupation of Afghanistan.
- ran for President in the 2014 elections, gaining 7.1% of the first round votes.
- was chairman of the 2019 Kabul Peace Loya Jirga (which was a disaster)

That 'strong support' for Sayyaf may stem from him being described as "the Arab's fair-haired child" in the [declassified 1985 CIA report picture below and linked here](#).

## Ustad Sayaf

@UstadSayaf

Official account of Popular Jihadi and Political leader of Afghanistan.  
Chairman dawat-e-islami party.  
Chancellor dawat university. CEO dawat tv.

📍 Afghanistan

🌐 [ustadsayaf.com](http://ustadsayaf.com)

📅 Joined December 2015

## PERSPECTIVE

## De-classified CIA Intel Assessment

### ABDUL RASUL SAYYAF: THE DIVISIVE UNIFIER

Abdul Rasul Sayyaf, an astute and ambitious opportunist, has been a central figure in most attempts to unite the splintered Afghan resistance movement. But in most cases, he has been a hindrance more than a help. Sayyaf has used his role as principal conduit of Arab money to the jihad (holy war) to build his own insurgent organization, in competition with and at the expense of other resistance leaders. They, in turn, accuse him of corruption and misuse of funds, resent his position as the Arabs' "fair-haired" boy, and have increasingly refused to cooperate with him. Although the Peshawar-based seven-party Fundamentalist Alliance, which he heads, seems on the verge of being revamped or replaced, we believe he will continue to be one of the key players in the resistance as long as he retains the political and financial backing of his Arab supporters.

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That declassified CIA report states Sayyaf was the principle conduit for the hundreds of millions of dollars donated to the 1980s Mujahideen cause by Arab Gulf states. Sayyaf's fellow Mujahideen allege he misappropriated a large portion of those donations to finance his own insurgent group. I believe those misappropriated donations were passed to Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, the Filipino Abu Sayyaf group, and other international terrorist groups Sayyaf backed. Sayyaf is a natural ally to the Saudis because he is a virulent Wahhabi, a determined misogynist and has very strong religious and ethnic prejudices.

Sayyaf is my prime candidate for being behind (through his proxies like Daesh) the horrific bombing campaign against the Hazara Shia peoples in Afghanistan, specifically the horrific double [bombing of a Hazara protest in 2016 Kabul](#). The Hazara were protesting the rerouting of a multi-million dollar power line project (TUTAP), initially recommended to pass through the predominantly Hazara Bamyan Province. A double suicide bombing attacked the peaceful protest, killing at least ninety-seven and injuring hundreds more. The Afghanistan government had re-routed the planned power line away from Bamyan Province to instead pass through the Salang Pass and across land controlled by a close relative of Sayyaf.

Sayyaf also stands accused of perpetrating the worst crimes of the [Afghan civil war](#) (the 'human butchery' of Shias in Kabul) which ran from 1992 until 1996, when the Taliban finally took control of the capital from Sayyaf's forces. When the Taliban took control of Kabul again, in August 2021, Sayyaf was one of the first Afghan politicians to flee Kabul (disappearing between high level meetings in Kabul on 14 August 2021) as the Taliban waited patiently on the outskirts of the city.

31 July 2021 - Abdul Rasul Sayyaf present at an Afghan government meeting



14 August 2021 - Sayyaf was present at an earlier meeting but then disappeared, missing this, the last ever NATO backed Afghan government assembly:



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Sayyaf's intimate relationship with NATO is illustrated well in these images:

US General Scott Miller, Abdul Rasul Sayyaf & Asadullah Khalid celebrating NATO's 70th anniversary in 2019:

Asadullah Khalid was accused by Canadian diplomat Chris Alexander of orchestrating the murder of five United Nations employees in 2007. It was alleged those murders were intended to protect Khalid's own extensive opium trade interests. Khalid is described as being one of Sayyaf's 'top Lieutenants'.

US General Scott Miller	International terrorist Abdul Rasul Sayyaf	Murderous drug lord Asadullah Khalid
 <p>NATO General</p>	 <p>Terrorist</p>	 <p>Drugs Baron</p>
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NATO's senior civilian representative, Italian Stefano Pontecorvo, publicly expressing NATO's "strong support" for Abdul Rasul Sayyaf in 2018:

**NATO in Afghanistan** @NATOscr · Sep 17

"Good meeting with Ustad Sayyaf. I strongly support the Professor's efforts to keep the leadership unified at this important phase of the #AfghanPeaceProcess. I reassured him of #NATO's commitment to #Afghanistan & reiterated our call for a reduction in violence." - @pontecorvoste



United States army General John Nicholson literally bowing and scraping to Sayyaf in 2016. Nicholson was visiting Sayyaf for a meeting over lunch at Sayyaf's secure base near Kabul:

Abdul Rasul Sayyaf	General John Nicholson
<p>9/11 terrorist Khalid Sheikh Mohammed's employer, trainer &amp; mentor</p>	<p>US General and NATO Commander</p>
 <p>Photos taken July 21, 2016 in Afghanistan during a meeting at the Afghan Warlord's mountain-top base near Kabul</p>	

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IMAGE: A [headline story from the British Daily Telegraph newspaper](#).

Prior to those 2019, 2018 and 2016 very public meetings with and endorsements of Abdul Rasul Sayyaf by NATO (detailed on page above), Sayyaf had run in the 2014 Afghan Presidential election.

Thirteen years after 9/11 and in the middle of our occupation of Afghanistan, Khalid Sheikh Mohammed's boss had a real chance of becoming the NATO backed President of Afghanistan. Fortunately for NATO's public relations department, Sayyaf was eliminated in the first round but he did garner a respectable 7.1% of the vote.

## Former Islamist warlord who brought bin Laden to Afghanistan to run for president

A former Islamist warlord who reputedly invited Osama bin Laden to live in Afghanistan has joined the race to become the next Afghan president.



Former Islamist warlord Abdul Rasul Sayyaf, centre, sits with his two vice-presidential candidates, Mohammad Ismail Khan, left, and Abdul Wahab Erfan during the registration process for the forthcoming presidential elections Photo: MASSOUD HOSSAINI/AFP

Of all the images of or about Sayyaf that I've collated since 2014, this is perhaps my 'favourite'. It shows Abdul Rasul Sayyaf (Khalid Sheikh Mohammed's employer, trainer and mentor) shaking hands with [ex-CIA director and US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo](#) during a 2019 visit to Kabul:

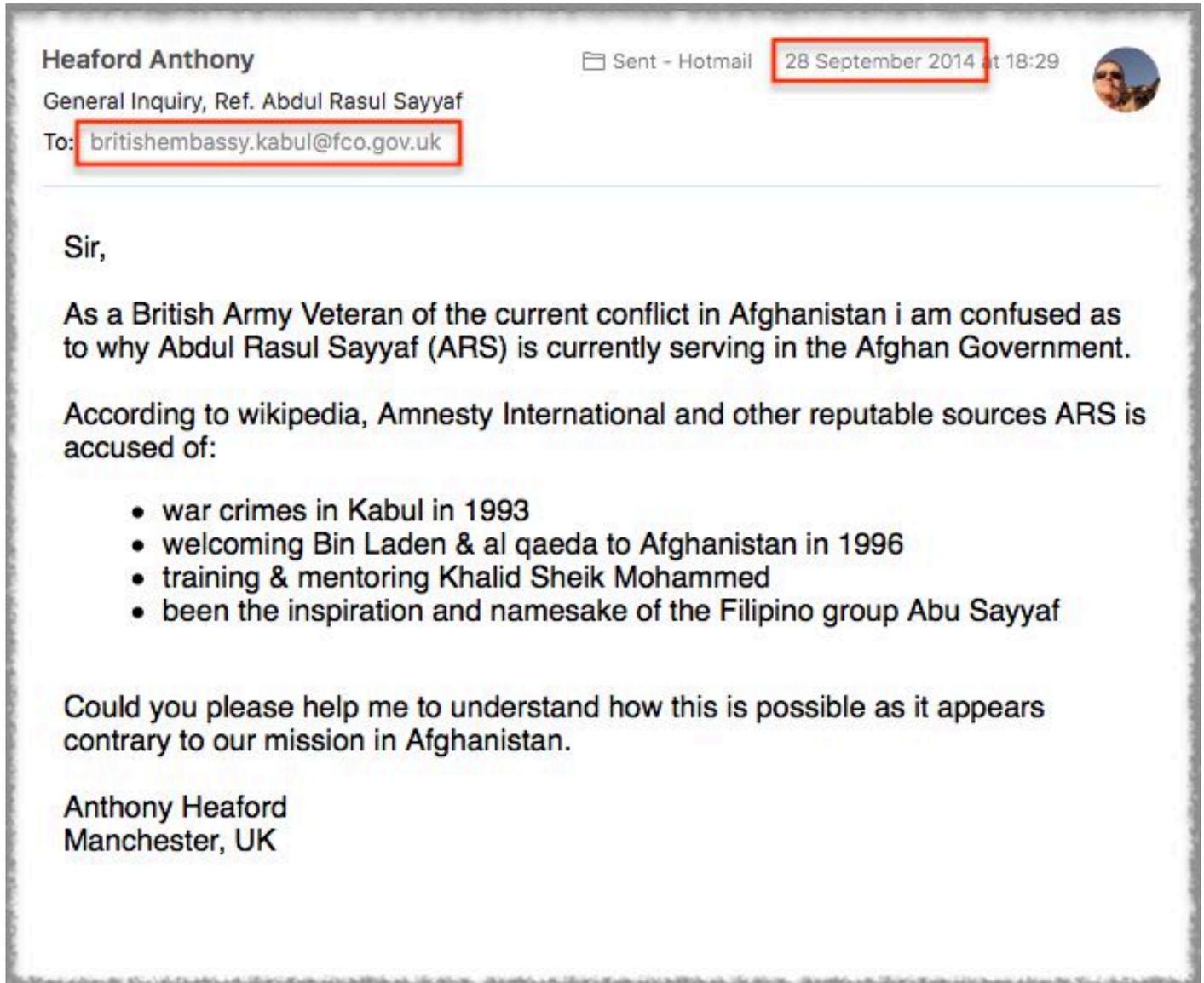


Also shown in the photo above - performing one of the greatest photo-bombs ever - is [Hazara leader Mohammad Karim Khalili](#).

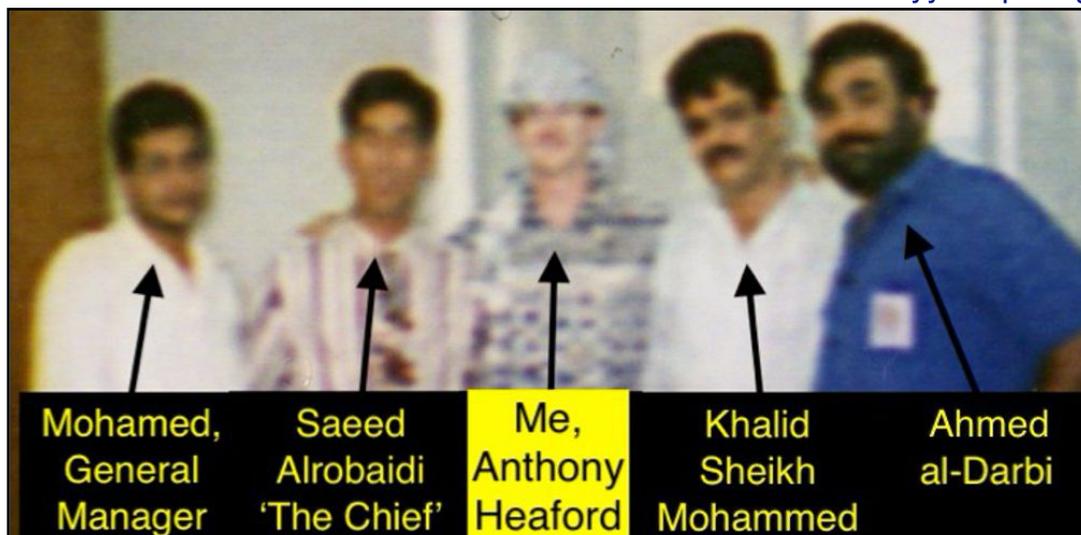
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My knowledge of and interest in Abdul Rasul Sayyaf began two years after [my 2012 service with the British army in Helmand Afghanistan](#), when I saw Sayyaf was running in the 2014 Presidential elections. I sent my first query about Sayyaf's role in Afghanistan to the British embassy in Kabul. That query - to which I never received a reply - is pictured below:



In May 2015, six months after sending that email about Sayyaf to the British embassy, [I found my photos from my 1997 visit to Yemen](#). That was when I realised that 'the Engineer' I'd been introduced to there was in fact Khalid Sheikh Mohammed - Abdul Rasul Sayyaf's protege:



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The text below is copied from The New Yorker magazine article titled:

## ***“Who was involved in the murder of Ahmad Shah Massoud?”***

This information (and many other supporting reports) are the basis for my belief that Abdul Rasul Sayyaf was behind the murder of Ahmad Shah Massoud. The 9/11 hijackers booked their flight tickets for the attacks about three weeks before 9/11, which coincides with when Sayyaf gained access to Massoud for the assassins. That ‘coincidence’ of timing gives even greater significance to the hijackers last message sent the Ramzi bin al-Shibh in Germany:

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The assassins entered the Panjshir Valley under the auspices of the Northern Alliance leader Abdul Rasul Sayyaf, who says that in mid-August he was contacted by an Egyptian who had fought with him in the jihad against the Soviets. The man said that he was calling from Bosnia. He asked Sayyaf to help two Arab journalists who wanted to interview him and Massoud and President Rabbani. Engineer Muhammad Aref (“engineer” is a common Afghan honorific, indicating that someone is educated and has studied engineering), who is now the head of the Afghan intelligence services, was Massoud’s chief of security; it was in his office that the assassination took place. Aref says that Sayyaf’s imprimatur permitted the Arabs to bypass normal security procedures. “They came not as journalists but as guests,” Aref says. “Sayyaf and Bismillah Khan”—the commander of the Shamali front line—“sent their men and cars to pick them up. Everybody helped them, and they met lots of people.”

Maulana Atta Rahman Salim, a deputy minister in Karzai’s interim government, is a respected Muslim scholar and cleric. He had an office in Khoja Bahaud-din last fall and travelled to the Panjshir Valley with Massoud a week before the assassination. Rahman says that recriminations were voiced almost immediately after Massoud was killed. “Everyone began saying, ‘Why weren’t the terrorists searched more carefully? Why didn’t people do their jobs better?’ The accusa-

tions focussed on Sayyaf more than anyone else, and an Iranian newspaper published the suspicions.”

Sayyaf is an Islamic fundamentalist, a Wahhabi, who is closely associated with the global terrorists who were nurtured during the Afghan jihad in the eighties. Like Rabbani, he studied at al-Azhar University in Cairo, where he was influenced by the Muslim Brotherhood. Both he and Rabbani taught Islamic studies at Kabul University in the early seventies. They were among the founders of the Islamist movement that became the principal opposition to the Soviets. Sayyaf, who is a Pashtun, spoke Arabic fluently, and early on he became close to the Saudis. After the Communist takeover of Afghanistan in the late seventies, when the Saudis began to fund various Afghan resistance movements, Sayyaf received an inordinate share of the largesse. He formed a political party, the Ittihad-i-Islami, or Islamic Union, in 1981, and four years later founded a university in an Afghan refugee camp near Peshawar. He was allied with Massoud and Rabbani, but they differed on many things. Massoud was a more moderate Muslim than the others.

Sayyaf’s university was called Dawa’a al-Jihad, which means Convert and Struggle, and it became known as the preëminent “school for terrorism.” Ramzi Ahmed Yousef, who is serving a life sentence in a federal prison in Colorado for masterminding the bombing of the World Trade Center in 1993, attended

Dawa’a al-Jihad and fought with Sayyaf’s mujahideen. Sheikh Omar Abdel-Rahman, the blind Egyptian cleric who is in the same prison, serving a life sentence for seditious conspiracy to blow up various New York City landmarks (not including the World Trade Center, although he is suspected of having been involved in the first bombing of that, too), lectured in the camps around Peshawar in the mid-eighties. Osama bin Laden supported Sayyaf financially and led a brigade of Arab fighters who used Sayyaf’s base in Afghanistan. The I.S.I. provided military and intelligence expertise. When the Soviets withdrew from Afghanistan in 1989 and many of the foreign jihadis moved on, a group of Ittihad members—some of them native Filipinos and some of them Arabs—formed the Abu Sayyaf terrorist organization in the Philippines.

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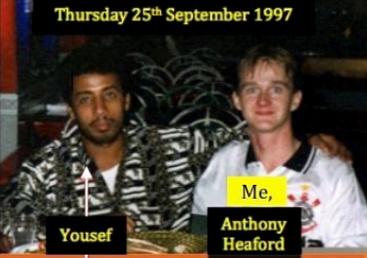
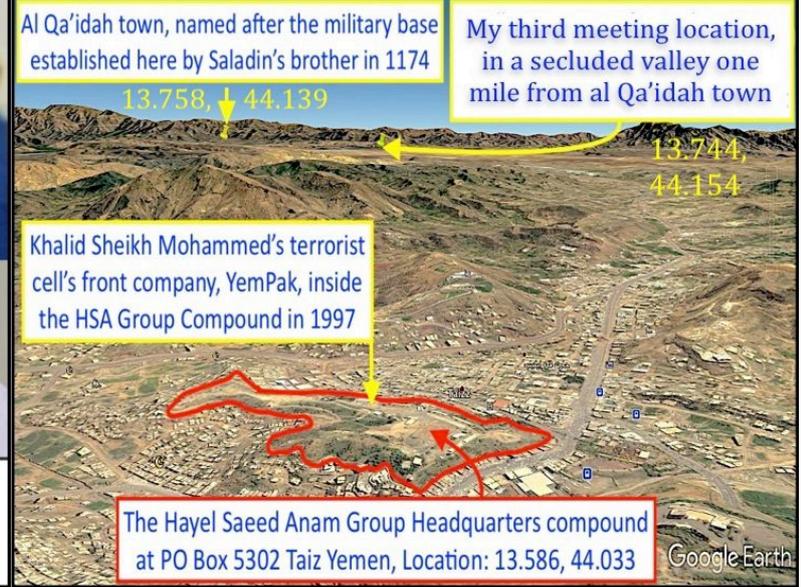
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My meeting with Khalid Sheikh Mohammed occurred on the last day of a six day business trip to the Hayel Saeed Anam Group - a multi-billion dollar global conglomerate that I now know to have been intimately connected to the British and US Deep State, to Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, to Al Qa'idah (that is the correct spelling) and to 9/11 - as it turns out am I:

During a six day business trip to Yemen in Sept 1997 the customer's chemistry graduate Pakistani employees asked me about visiting New York as tourists, and specifically about visiting the World Trade Centre. I warned them, saying:

*"The same group that tried to blow-up the World Trade Centre in 1993 will try again, but next time they'll use a hijacked civilian airliner departing Logan airport as a missile."*

The customer was a multi-billion dollar global conglomerate, the Hayel Saeed Anam Group at PO Box 5302 Taiz. After confirming my travel warning the managing director Saeed Alrobaidi arranged three meetings for me. First I was vetted by Yousef before being introduced to "the Engineer" (Khalid Sheikh Mohammed) the next morning, just before being taken to a meeting one mile from Al Qa'idah town. My employer was a British engineering company with an ex-US Special Forces, MACVSOG trained, CIA linked (via Billy Waugh) US salesman, Dave Dean.

<p>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September 1997</p>  <p>Yousef      Me, Anthony Heaford</p>	<p>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September 1997</p>  <p>Me, Anthony Heaford      The Engineer      'Dino'</p>	 <p>Al Qa'idah town, named after the military base established here by Saladin's brother in 1174 13.758, ↓ 44.139</p> <p>My third meeting location, in a secluded valley one mile from al Qa'idah town 13.744, 44.154</p> <p>Khalid Sheikh Mohammed's terrorist cell's front company, YemPak, inside the HSA Group Compound in 1997</p> <p>The Hayel Saeed Anam Group Headquarters compound at PO Box 5302 Taiz Yemen, Location: 13.586, 44.033</p> <p>Google Earth</p>
 <p>Facial Recognition Match Yousef      Ramzi bin-al-Shibh</p>	 <p>Khalid Sheikh Mohammed      Ahmed al-Darbi</p>	
<p>I think Yousef is the brother or cousin of Ramzi bin al-Shibh; the Yemeni national described as a principle architect of 9/11</p>	<p>I have no doubt that the man introduced to me as 'the Engineer' is Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, and that 'Dino' is Ahmed al-Darbi</p>	





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This image shows the lead page of [the CIA's 1985 assessment of Sayyaf \(linked here\)](https://www.cia.gov/library/readingroom/docs/CIA-RDP85T01058R000406230001-1.pdf):

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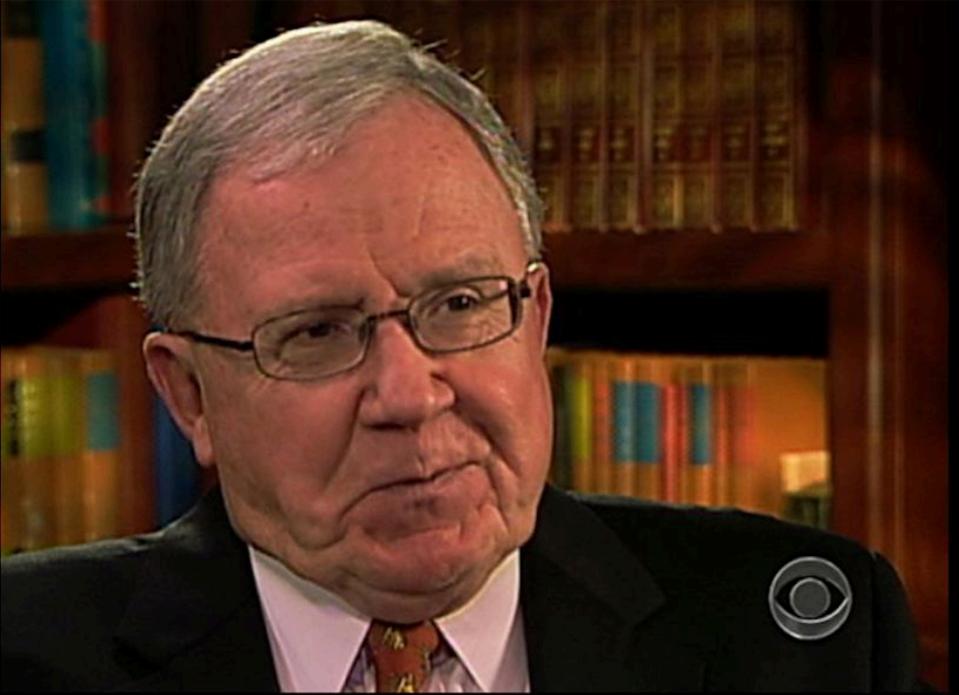
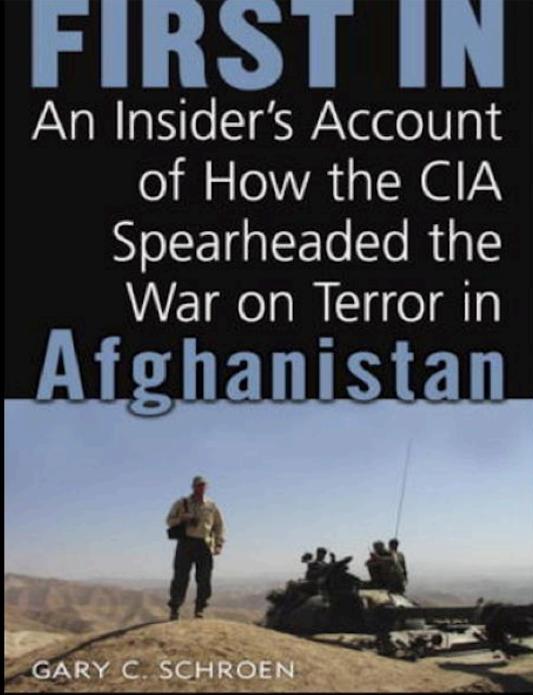
Abdul Rasul Sayyaf, a central figure in the splintered Afghan resistance, has been accused by other leaders of corruption and misuse of Arab funds, almost all of which are channeled through him.

**This document is a CIA report on Sayyaf from 1985**

30 April 1985  
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SOVAM 85-10082JX

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And this image pictures [CIA operative Gary Schroen](#), the cover of his book 'First In', and references Schroen's own claim that he paid Abdul Rasul Sayyaf (KSM's boss) \$100,000\* in October 2001. \*I suspect that payment was ten or one-hundred times larger than Schroen claims.



**FIRST IN**  
An Insider's Account  
of How the CIA  
Spearheaded the  
War on Terror in  
**Afghanistan**  
GARY C. SCHROEN

**CIA operative Gary Schroen led the first team of 7-CIA personnel into Afghanistan after 9/11. He met with Abdul Rasul Sayyaf, the man who employed, trained & mentored Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, and handed him a bundle of dollar bills - \$100,000 he claims**

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This image shows CIA contractor Billy Waugh (who admits training 'al Qaeda' in 1990s Yemen) and his fellow US Special Forces veteran Dave Dean. Waugh trained Dean in MACV-SOG during the Vietnam war. Dave Dean was my work colleague from 1988 to 1998, the US sales agent for my employer who sent me to Khalid Sheikh Mohammed's front company in 1997 Yemen.



## Dave Dean & Billy Waugh

CIA contractors who helped setup al Qaeda cells in 1990s Yemen

by Anthony C Heaford, @mancunianquiet



Dave Dean went from being a Special Forces operator serving under Billy Waugh in Vietnam to a printing industry salesman based in Chicago. Dean became my employer's US salesman in 1988 & in 1997 we were both present at an industry exhibition in Chicago where 9/11 terrorist Khalid Sheikh Mohammed's financiers purchased one of our machines. Billy Waugh admits training al Qaeda fighters in 1990s Yemen & I was the technician sent there in 1997 to help setup KSM's front company.

And this image shows the Hayel Saeed Anam Group's defensive hill-top compound at PO Box 5302 Taiz Yemen where I met Abdul Rasul Sayyaf's protegee Khalid Sheikh Mohammed before being taken to 'The Base' seventeen miles away, and only one mile from Al Qa'idah town.

## The Hayel Saeed Anam Group HQ compound in Taiz city, Yemen

Saeed Alrobaidi introduced me to Khalid Sheikh Mohammed here on 26 Sept 1997

Address: PO Box 5302

Location: 13.586, 44.033



The building on the left is the Madrassa attended by the Pakistani employees. The white factory building is Khalid Sheikh Mohammed's terror cell's front company called YemPak



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The image below is of an 'Export Opportunities' document that shows in 1996 the United States embassy in Yemen was sourcing materials for Khalid Sheikh Mohammed's hosts and financiers of 1997, the Hayel Saeed Anam Group. Those 'materials' included industrial quantities of: toluene, sulphur, nitric acid and sodium sulphate - the key ingredients for making TNT (as used in the 1998 US embassy bombings in Kenya and Tanzania).



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Trade leads supplied by: | Aug 06, 1996 8:00PM EDT

Contact by fax, or mail: Mohamed A. Salem, General Manager, Hayel Saeed Anam & Co., P.O. Box 5302, Taiz, Republic of Yemen. Tel: 967 4 215 171/2, 210 596. Fax: 967 4 210 584.

Please send a copy of your response to:

Commercial Section (TOP), American Embassy, Sanaa, Department of State, Washington, D.C. 20521-6330.  
Refer to: P0004.

**PO Box 5302 - the same address as YemPak (Yemen/Pakistan abbreviation, an al Qaeda front company used by 9/11 mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohammed)**

**The US embassy supplied explosive chemicals to this al Qaeda front location**

Based on my first-hand experiences in Yemen, my first-hand knowledge of the reality of NATO's occupation of Afghanistan, and my subsequent research about KSM, Sayyaf, the CIA, etc, here's my theory about Osama bin Laden's role in 9/11 - HE DID NOT HAVE ONE. I believe bin Laden and the Taliban were framed by KSM and Abdul Rasul Sayyaf to provoke a US invasion of Afghanistan - a Machiavellian plot supported by Deep State elements of MI6 and the CIA.

In September 2001 Osama bin Laden said explicitly that he was NOT involved in the 9/11 attacks. He said he had no knowledge of the attacks and he condemned the killing of innocent people.

**Osama bin Laden's statement of September 16 2001:**

*"I stress that I have not carried out this act, which appears to have been carried out by individuals with their own motivation."*

**Osama bin Laden's statements of September 28 2001:**

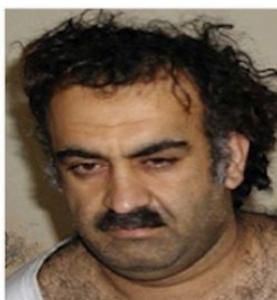
*"I have already said that I am not involved in the September 11 attacks in the United States."*

*"I had no knowledge of these attacks, nor do I consider the killing of innocent women, children and other humans as an appreciable act."*



Khalid Sheikh Mohammed planned 9/11 when he was in Yemen in 1997, a guest at the Hayel Saeed Anam Group HQ in Taiz.

The Hayel Saeed Anam Group is a multi-billion dollar global conglomerate.



Saudi sponsored Afghan Warlord Abdul Rasul Sayyaf directed the plot, ensuring US ally Massoud was murdered 2-days before 9/11 & that blame fell on his enemy, the Taliban.



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Despite fleeing Afghanistan a day before the Taliban entered Kabul on 15 August 2021, Sayyaf remains active in promoting an insurgency against the Taliban's Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan. I believe strongly that Sayyaf is using his Daesh proxies to continue the horrific bombing campaign against the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan and specifically the Shia Hazara peoples.

Sayyaf was last reported to be being hosted by NATO member Turkey, as shown in this tweet from January 2022:



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A cropped image of Sayyaf's mentions in the 2004 9/11 Military Commission report:



NATIONAL COMMISSION ON TERRORIST ATTACKS UPON THE UNITED STATES

## 5. AL QAEDA AIMS AT THE AMERICAN HOMELAND

5.1 TERRORIST ENTREPRENEURS KHALID SHEIKH MOHAMMED

“Visiting Pakistan for the first time in early 1987, [Khalid Sheikh Mohammed] traveled to Peshawar, where his brother Zahid introduced him to the famous Afghan mujahid Abdul Rasul Sayyaf, head of the Hizbul-Ittihad El-Islami (Islamic Union Party). Sayyaf became KSM's mentor & provided KSM with military training at Sayyaf's Sada camp. // Between 1988 & 1992, KSM helped run a NGO in Peshawar & Jalalabad; sponsored by Sayyaf, it was designed to aid young Afghan mujahideen.”

“Sungkar first inspired Hambali to share the vision of establishing a radical Islamist regime in Southeast Asia, then furthered Hambali's instruction in jihad by sending him to Afghanistan in 1986. After undergoing training at Rasul Sayyaf's Sada camp (where KSM would later train), Hambali fought against the Soviets; he eventually returned to Malaysia after 18 months in Afghanistan. By 1998, Hambali would assume responsibility for the Malaysia/Singapore region within Sungkar's newly formed terrorist organisation, the Jl.”

“In January 1996, well aware that U.S. authorities were chasing him [Khalid Sheikh Mohammed], he left Qatar for good & fled to Afghanistan, where he renewed his relationship with Rasul Sayyaf.”

He [Khalid Sheikh Mohammed] preferred to remain independent and retain the option of working with other mujahideen groups still operating in Afghanistan, including the group led by his old mentor, Sayyaf. Sayyaf was close to Ahmed Shah Massoud, the leader of the Northern Alliance.

And details of Abdul Rasul Sayyaf's role in establishing the [Abu Sayyaf Group](#) (named in Sayyaf's honour) that has operated in the Philippines and Indonesia since 1989:



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# The Beginnings of the Abu Sayyaf Group



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Following his studies in Libya, Janjalani travelled to Pakistan where he may have ended up in Peshawar. Lured by the call of Jihad in Afghanistan where the war was coming to an end, it is rumoured that Janjalani underwent training at one of the camps set up by Ustadz Abdul Rab Rasul Sayyaf. It was this man from whom Janjalani got his *nom de guerre*, which also became the name of the group that he eventually established.