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In the Afghan War, a large number of volunteer soldiers participated from Arab countries. Among them the biggest name was Usama bin Ladin of Saudi Arabia. There is no person who doesn't know his name. Let review briefly his career how he became the terrorist.

Bin Ladin was born in Jeddah in Saudi Arabia in 1957. His father was origin of Yemen and in youngster he moved to Jeddah just near Holy City Makkah. He stepped up from peddler on the street, and then got the favor of Abdul Aziz Al-Saud, first king of Saudi Arabia. When Usama bin Ladin was born in 1957, his father was already the owner of the biggest construction conglomerate in the Kingdom. He got married with many women and Bin Ladin was his

17th son. At the age of 11 Usama lost his father by plane crash, and he inherited 300 million US dollars. He then entered Islamic Seminary (Madrassa) and devoted himself to extreme Islamic fundamentalism. When he was 22 years he went to Afghanistan as a volunteer soldier. Many Islamic seminaries were built in Afghanistan with financial aid by Saudi Arabia, and Mujahideen (jihad fighters) were brainwashed by the Islamic fundamentalist ideology. Usama became to the top of foreign volunteer soldiers swiftly.

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