

One of the leading questions of the War on Terrorism is: How much of the credit al Qaida receives for global terrorism today is factually based? Rarely has a recent incident escaped being labeled the work of al Qaida, as shown in the reflex blaming of this group in Kenya attacks on a tourist hotel, and the Saudi Arabia and Morocco attacks of the past few weeks. However, al Qaida does not take credit as a rule, and the group per se has yet to have an exposed hand in any attacks except possibly 9-11 and attacks on US Embassies in Kenya and Tanzania. In some cases there may be good reasons for attributing attacks to al Qaida, but usually this charge is made before the smoke has cleared.

**TVNL Comment: And the question of who or what Al Qaida actually is has never been fully answered.**

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