<u>Press Releases: Rewards for Justice –</u> <u>Increased Reward Offer for Information</u> <u>on al-Qaida Leaders Abdullah Ahmed</u> <u>Abdullah and Sayf al-Adl</u>

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Today, the U.S. Department of State's Rewards for Justice Program is increasing reward offers for information leading to the location, arrest, or conviction of al-Qaida key leaders Abdullah Ahmed Abdullah and Sayf al-Adl to \$10 million. This represents a doubling of the previous reward offers of \$5 million each announced in December 2000.

Both individuals served as members of al-Qaida's leadership council, and al-Adl also served on the group's military committee.

Both individuals were charged by a federal grand jury in November 1998 for their role in the August 7, 1998 bombings of the U.S. embassies in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, and Nairobi, Kenya. The attacks killed 224 civilians, including 12 Americans, and wounded more than 5,000 others.

In 2001, Abdullah and al-Adl were added to the UN Security Council's al-Qaida Sanctions List as well as the U.S. Treasury Department's list of Specially Designated Nationals under Executive Order 13224 for their activities in support of al-Qaida.

More information about these reward offers is located on the Rewards for Justice website at <u>www.rewardsforjustice.net</u>. We encourage anyone with information about these individuals to contact the Rewards for Justice office via e-mail (<u>info@rewardsforjustice.net</u>), by phone (1-800-877-3927 in North America), or by mail (Rewards for Justice, Washington, D.C., 20520-0303, USA). All information will be kept strictly confidential.

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