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[Redacted] **Terrorism Linked to Taliban-Ruled Afghanistan**

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[Redacted] *Suspects in several major terrorist incidents have been trained in, directed from, or given safe haven in Afghanistan since the Taliban gained control of most of the country in 1996.*

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from the Taliban. The Taliban did not arrest the hijackers.

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- *According to press reports, suspects in the attack on the USS Cole also trained in Afghanistan.*

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- *Mustapha Hamza, leader of the main faction of Gama'at al-Islamiyya (IG), resided in Afghanistan at the time his group conducted the attack on foreign tourists in Luxor, Egypt, in 1997, according to a foreign government service.*

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- *The hijacking of India Air, Flight 814 in late December 1999 also underscored the ties between Kashmiri militants and Afghanistan. The hijackers ordered the aircraft to Afghanistan, almost certainly expecting to receive sympathetic treatment*

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