

With Bc-Us-Terror Trial Magazine: Wtc Bomb Suspect Seen In Iraq

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The mystery of missing suspects in the World Trade Center bombing may have been partially solved: A reporter working for Newsweek and ABC spotted one of them in **Iraq** last week, the magazine says.

In its July 4 edition, Newsweek says the journalist recognized U.S.-born Abdul Rahman **Yasin** on a Baghdad street and confirmed his identify through neighbors, who said he was "working for the Iraqi government."

The reporter, who was not named, was in the Iraqi capital working on a joint Newsweek-ABC investigation, the magazine said.

Yasin, 34, a native of Bloomington, Indiana, is one of two suspects still sought in the Feb. 26, 1993 bombing of the trade center. Four other Muslim extremists were sentenced last week to life in prison for their roles.

Although characterized by the FBI as a relatively minor player in the scheme, **Yasin** has a dlr\$ 2 million price on his head, the same amount the State Department is offering for the second, more important suspect, Ramzi Ahmed Yousef.

Yasin was arrested by the FBI after the trade center bombing but released after he turned informant. He then fled the country on a fake Jordanian passport, Newsweek said. The FBI "has been trying to get him back ever since," he said.

Yousef, whose background is more murky, was quizzed by U.S. officials on arrival in New York in September 1992, but freed when he asked for political asylum.

According to officials, Yousef became a key organizer in the World Trade Center plot, fleeing the country hours after the bomb exploded, on a ticket for Pakistan, Newsweek said. His whereabouts are unknown, it said.

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