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## Madinat al-Muslimeen Islamic Message Board

### "Suicide Hijacker" Alive and Innocent in Riyadh

se7en

09/17/01 at 21:01:03

#### **Saudi Suspects in U.S. Attacks Were Not in the U.S.**

RIYADH, Sept 17 (IslamOnline & News Agencies) - U.S. officials in Riyadh offered Abdul Rahman Said al-Omari an official apology in the presence of Saudi interior ministry officials for including his name among the list of suspects in the U.S. terrorist attacks, news agencies reported Monday.

Omari, a pilot with Saudi Airlines, told the Saudi daily Al-Watan that he was amazed to see his name on the FBI's list of suspects allegedly involved in the attacks on the Pentagon and World Trade Center Tuesday, Agence France-Presse (AFP) reported.

Omari said he returned to Saudi Arabia in early September after undergoing training for one year in the United States, AFP added.

Meanwhile, the mother of another Saudi man, also suspected in the September 11th attacks, said Monday that her son has been in Chechnya for two years with a relief committee operating in the tiny war-torn Muslim republic.

The mother of Ahmad Ibrahim al-Ghamdi told Al-Watan that her son had been studying engineering in the Saudi city of Mecca before departing for Chechnya, AFP reported.

Ibrahim, 20, the youngest child in a family of three sons and four daughters, had been in constant contact with his family from Chechnya, said his mother.

The father of Fayez Mohammad al-Shehri, yet another Saudi suspect, also told the daily that his son had also left for Chechnya two years ago with the relief committee.

"He was going with the relief committee," said Shehri's father, a school headmaster.

### **Re: "Suicide Hijacker" Alive and Innocent in Riyadh**

Denise

09/17/01 at 22:18:26

It's like a sad witch hunt... I had watched a news report where even some Italian American's and Armenian's have had to watch their backs...

## Re: "Suicide Hijacker" Alive and Innocent in Riyadh

amatullah

09/18/01 at 05:01:28

Bismillah and salam,

'Suicide hijacker' is an airline pilot alive and well in Jeddah  
Suspects

By Robert Fisk in Beirut

17 September 2001

The IndependentA man named by the US Department of Justice as a suicide hijacker of American Airlines flight 11 the first airliner to smash into the World Trade Centre is very much alive and living in Jeddah.

Abdulrahman al-Omari, a pilot with Saudi Airlines, was astonished to find himself accused of hijacking as well as being dead and has visited the US consulate in Jeddah to demand an explanation.

None has so far been forthcoming. It is possible that the hijacker adopted Mr al-Omari's identity but, if he had been using the same false name while training as a pilot in the US, he would presumably have been uncovered.

That is not the only error on the list of hijackers. The name of Ziad Jarrah identified as the pilot-hijacker of United Airlines flight 93, which crashed in Pennsylvania was misspelt "Jarrahi". He was a Lebanese whose family, living in the Bekaa Valley, spoke to him just two days before his death but who still refuse to believe that he was involved.

Mr al-Omari's first name Abdulrahman was later given out by the US authorities as "Abdulaziz" but there can be little doubt that it referred to the pilot who lives in Jeddah. The Americans described him as a father of four and Mr al-Omari does have four children, all of whom live with him and his family in Saudi Arabia's second city. He has refused to talk to reporters and in the words of one prominent Saudi journalist "is one nervous guy".

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