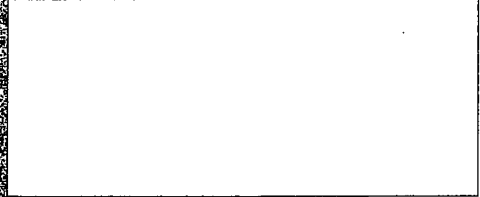


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Key Findings (U)

[redacted] wealthy individuals in the Arabian Peninsula and grassroots supporters from around the world are critical funding sources for al-Qa'ida. [redacted]

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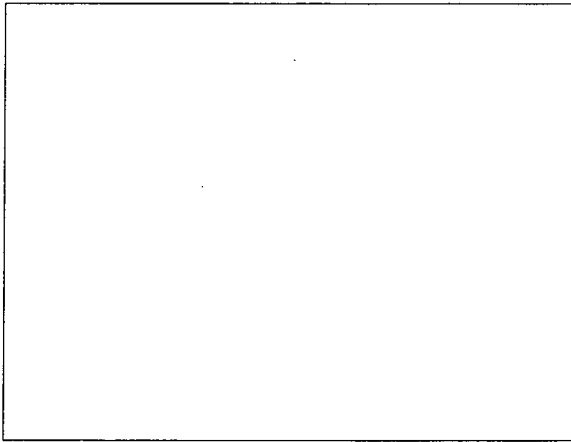
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	<p>Donors Use of Fundraisers and Facilitators [redacted]</p> <p>Donors generally channel money intended for terrorist-related activities through middlemen—including nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), mosques, fundraisers, and businessmen—rather than giving the funds directly to Bin Ladin or other senior al-Qa'ida members. This practice hides the donors' role and allows them to deny knowing funds went to terrorists. [redacted]</p>
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This assessment was prepared by the DCI Counterterrorist Center's Office of Terrorism Analysis.
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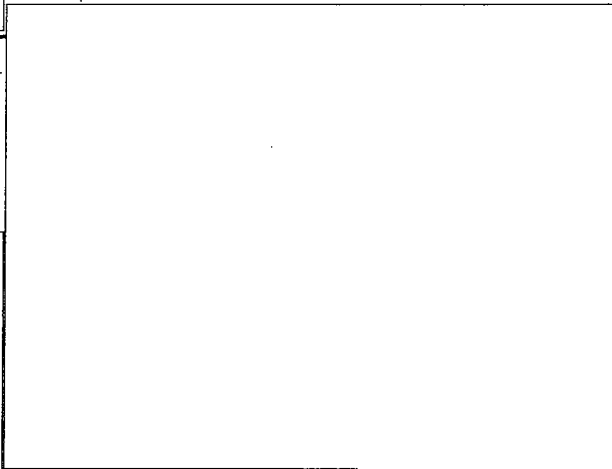
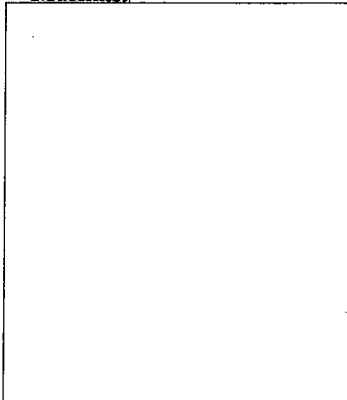


Mosques. [redacted] terrorist groups receive funding and logistical support from Islamic clergy (imams) and other personnel at mosques.

[redacted] mosques and Islamic cultural centers with radical members sent donations to extremist groups [redacted]

Charity: The Third Pillar of Islam (U)

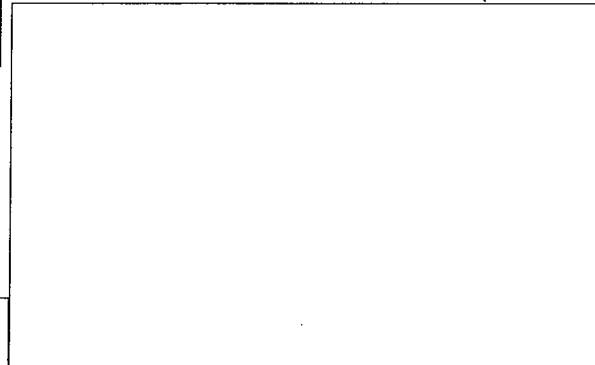
Charity is one of the principal duties of all Muslims as stated in the Quran. Alms-giving is divided into the obligatory (zakat) and the voluntary (sadaqa), but the distinction is not always maintained. Zakat is a religiously mandated charitable obligation on all Muslims.



[redacted] collecting money from a mix of small and large personal and corporate donations and giving the money to couriers for delivery.

- Sadaqa, unlike Zakat, is a voluntary donation made to anyone at any time of the year in any amount. In Arabic, Sadaqa means "charity." [redacted]

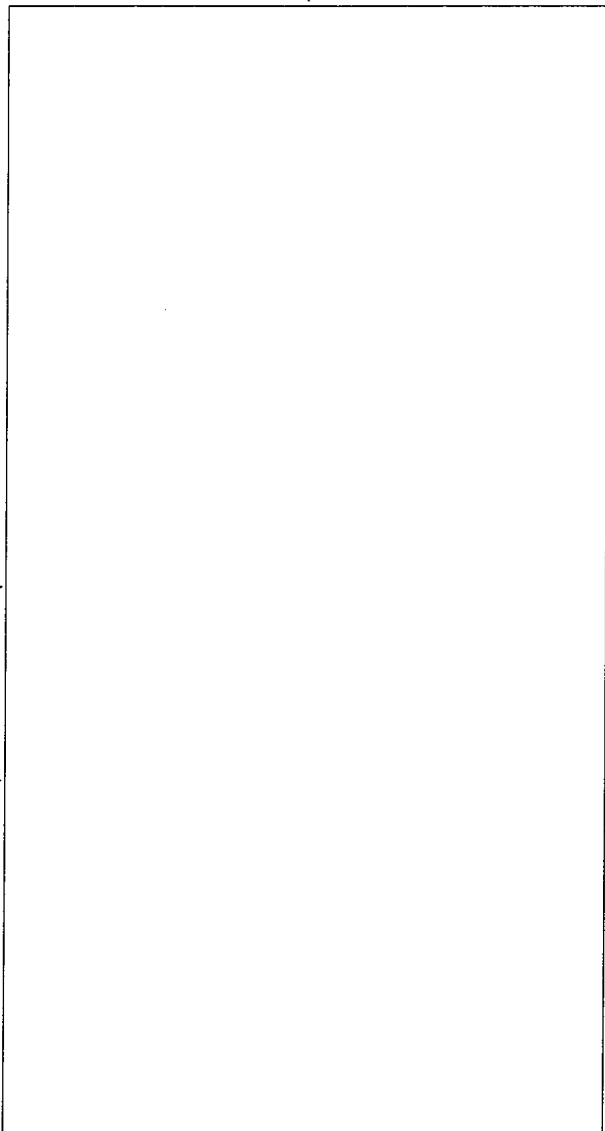
Devout Muslims give their contributions directly to Islamic organizations and needy individuals or, in some countries, to a government-run fund, which organizes the collection and distribution of charitable donations.



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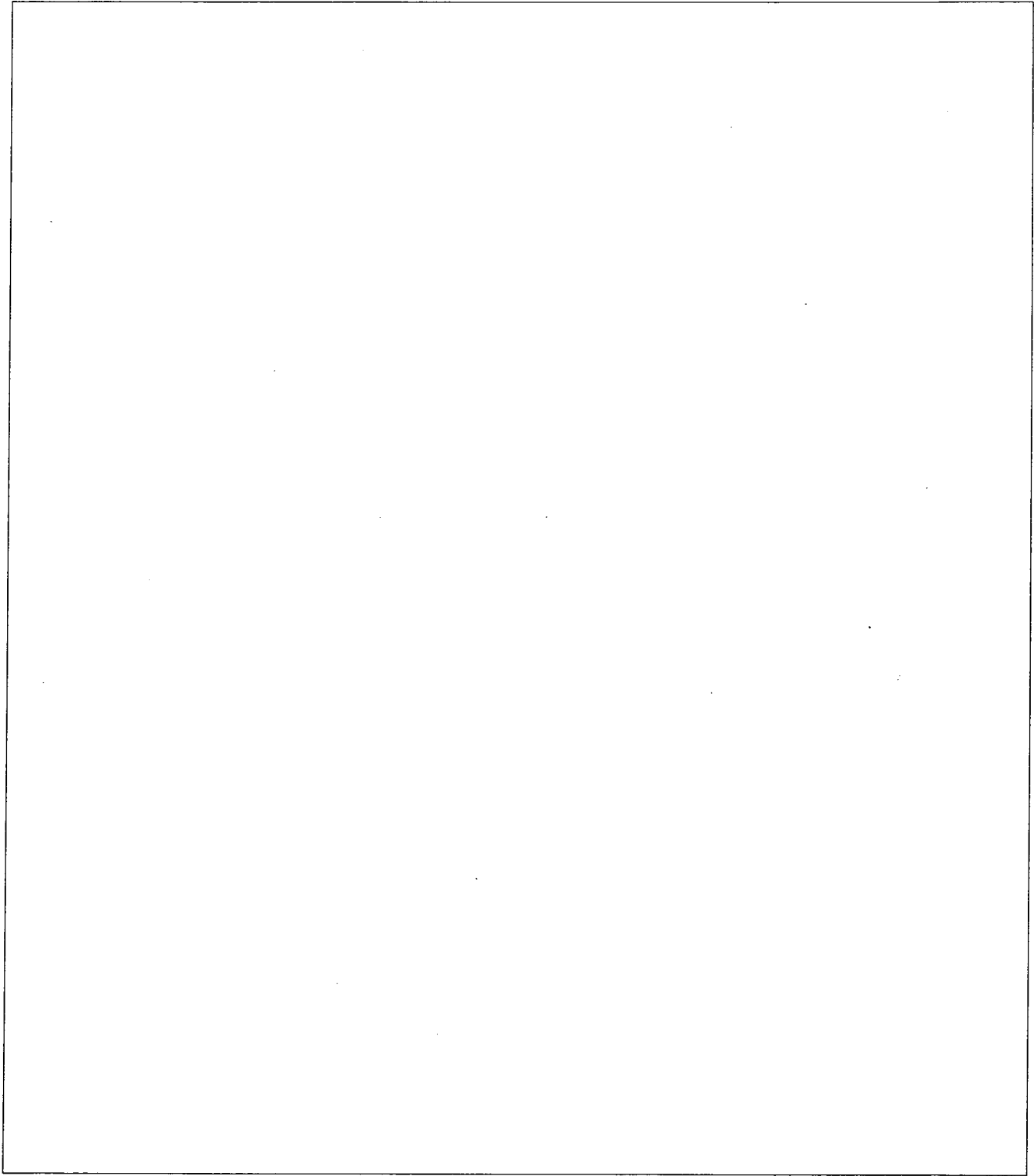
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Other Facilitators. Donors also use fundraisers and facilitators—merchants and businessmen—to route money to terrorist groups.

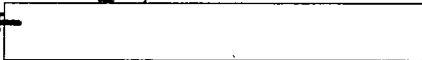


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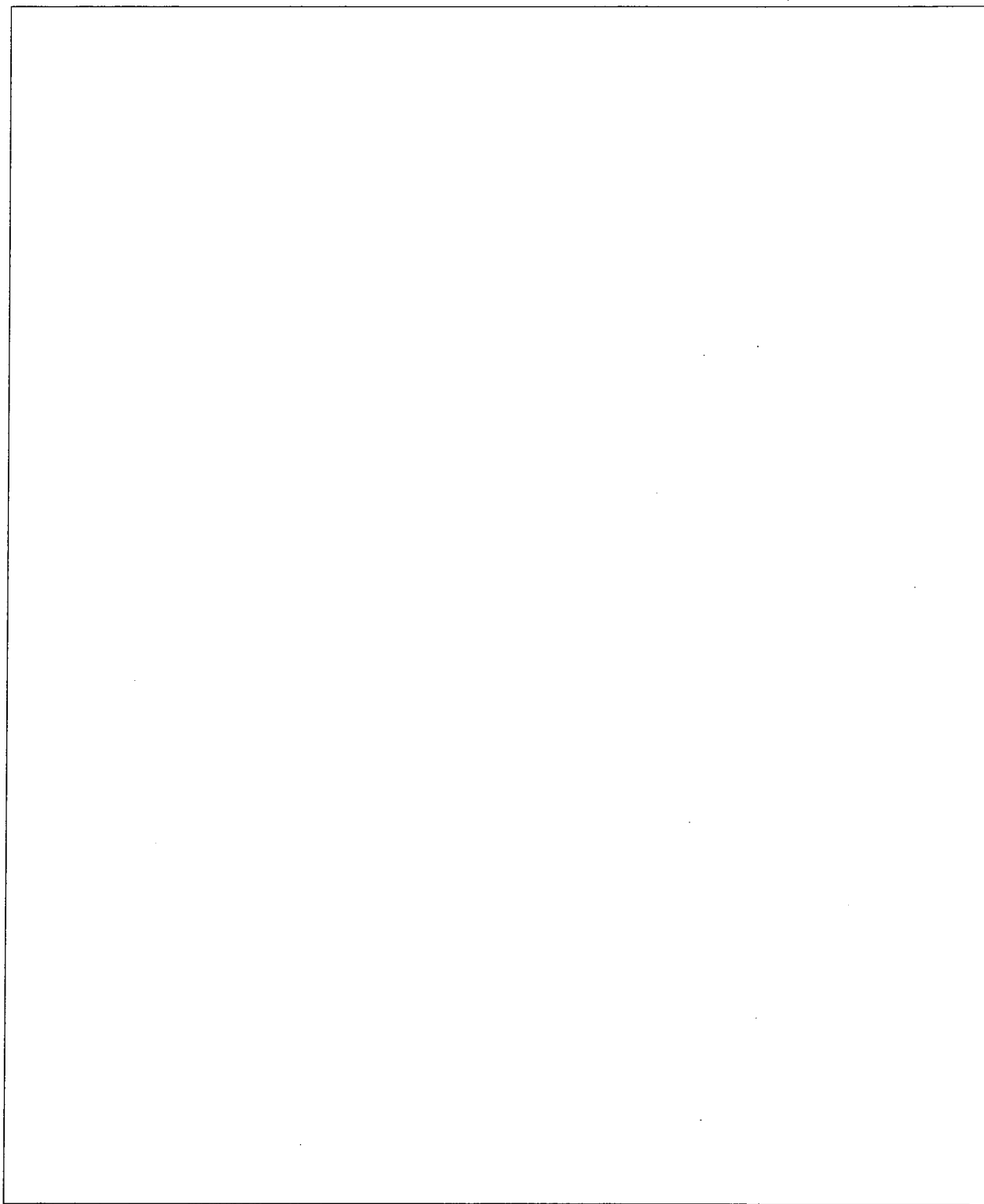
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