

Student Business Incubator Center

Informational Meetings:

Monday, February 17 5:30 PM RHUU 203
 Tuesday, February 18 5:30 PM RHUU 203

The Student Business Incubator Center is looking for students who have ideas for starting their own business. Six new companies will be added to the Center this spring.

BENEFITS INCLUDED BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

- Capital up to \$1,000
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- Rent-free office space at 1233 Washington Street
- Legal and business advice

Applications are available online at www.sg.sc.edu and are due Wednesday, March 5, 2003 by 12:00 pm in Russell House, Carolina Underground.



Bin Laden

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Eid al-Adha, the speaker advised Iraqis how to fight the Americans, based on al-Qaida's experience in Afghanistan.

"We stress the importance of martyrdom operations against the enemy, these attacks that have scared Americans and Israelis like never before," the man identified as bin Laden said.

"We advise about the importance of drawing the enemy into long, close and exhausting fighting, taking advantage of camouflaged positions in plains, farms, mountains and cities," he said.

The speaker urged the Iraqis to draw the Americans into urban combat, saying "the thing that the enemy fears the most is to fight a city war."

U.S. military planners fear Saddam might ring Baghdad with his best troops of the elite Republican Guard and draw U.S. forces into bloody street fighting where they could not use their

high-tech weapons for fear of causing massive civilian casualties.

The speaker also told Iraqis not to worry about American smart bombs and laser-guided weapons because "they work on only the clear, obvious targets." He encouraged Iraqis to use deception techniques to neutralize American technological superiority.

Some Middle East experts have questioned ties between bin Laden's Islamic extremists and Saddam's government, which nominally adheres to a Pan-Arabic socialist doctrine called Baathism.

In the tape, however, the speaker said it was acceptable for Muslims to fight on behalf of Iraqi "socialists" because "in these circumstances" their interests "intersect in fighting against the Crusaders," or Christians.

U.S. counterterrorism officials in Washington said the audio message was probably a real recording of bin Laden, and that a technical analysis was planned to authenticate it. The officials, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said it was unclear when the recording was made but said it

was probably recent, given all the attention the speaker gave to Iraq.

Yasser Thabet, a broadcast editor at Al-Jazeera, said the station received the tape by the same channels as previous bin Laden statements, but he did not give details.

Bin Laden often used Al-Jazeera to broadcast statements during the Afghanistan war until the elusive terrorist leader vanished after the battle at Tora Bora in December 2001.

Al-Jazeera is not widely seen in Iraq because few Iraqis are permitted to have satellite dishes. However, many of them listen to foreign Arabic broadcasts which relayed details of the broadcast.

There was no immediate comment from the Iraqi government, which has repeatedly denied links with al-Qaida.

Bin Laden's previous statements have not gone nearly as far in expressing solidarity with Iraq, counterterrorism officials in Washington said.

In Washington, CIA Director George J. Tenet said intelligence information suggests al-Qaida may launch attacks as early as this week in both the United States and on the Arabian peninsula.

"The intelligence is not idle chatter on the part of terrorists and their associates," Tenet told Congress. "It is the most specific we have seen, and it is consistent with both our knowledge of al-Qaida's doctrine and our knowledge of plots this network - and particularly its senior leadership - has been working on for years."

Tenet said the information suggests the attack may involve a "dirty bomb" - a weapon that spreads radioactive material over a wide area - or chemical or poison weapons.

On the tape, the speaker urged other Muslims not to cooperate with the United States in a show-down against Iraq. He criticized Arab governments that support U.N. efforts to rid Iraq of alleged weapons of mass destruction.

"Anyone who helps America, from the Iraqi hypocrites (opposition) or Arab rulers ... whoever fights with them or offers them bases or administrative assistance, or any kind of support or help, even if only with words, to kill Muslims in Iraq, should know that he is an apostate," the speaker said.

Black History Month Events

February 10
Higher Learning/Discussion
 RH Theater - Carolina Productions

February 11 Movie Night
Imitation of Life
 8pm RH Theater
 sponsored by Carolina Productions

February 17
Bamboozled
 Movie/Discussion RH Theater
 sponsored by Carolina Productions

February 19 Movie Night
Brown Sugar
 RH Theater - sponsored by Carolina Productions

February 20
 Black History Quiz Bowl
 6pm RH Theater

February 24
 NAACP Freedom Fund Dinner
 RH Ballroom 7pm

February 13 "Looking in the Mirror"

African Americans at USC by Dr. Bobby Donaldson.
 Dr. Donaldson will chronicle the impact and relationship, which African Americans have had with the university.
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 Applications are due 12:00pm Feb 14, 2003

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