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## American Al Qaeda militant urge Muslims to attack US diplomats

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Adam Gadahn, a US-born jihadi and Al Qaeda spokesperson has called on Muslims to attack US diplomats and embassies across the Arab world.

The senior militant, who is the subject of a \$1 million bounty by the US government called on wealthy Muslims to offer financial rewards to killers of US nationals.

He appeared in a 39-minute recording posted on an Islamist forum, and translated by the SITE counter-terrorism monitoring group. He previously has praised the brutal murder of U.S. ambassador Christopher Stevens and three other Americans in Libya last year.

"These prizes have a great effect in instilling fear in the hearts of our cowardly enemies. They also encourage hesitant individuals to carry out important and great deeds in the path of Allah," Adam Gadahn said through the video message.

The statement by Adam Gadahn comes in the aftermath of a decision to close nearly two dozen American embassies across the Middle East and North Africa.

Gadahn up on a California goat farm, converted to Islam from his Jewish and Catholic roots. He rose to prominence following a series of speeches championing al-Qaida, and has previously called for attacks on US missions and diplomats.

He is believed to be hiding in Pakistan, and his statement is believed to be an attempt by Al Qaeda's increasingly sidelined Pakistani branch to reassert its relevance.