

# The Life and Many, Many Deaths of Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi

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## **BAGHDADI TIMELINE**

- May 2010: Takes over I-CIA-SIS from retired fictional character Abu Omar al-Baghdadi
- December 2012: Reportedly arrested by Iraqi counter-terrorism unit
- November 2014: Reported killed in an air raid on a ten-truck convoy outside of Mosul
- March 2015: Reportedly lost day-to-day control of I-CIA-SIS after being seriously injured in airstrike on western Iraq

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- October 2015: Narrowly escaped death after his convoy was struck in Anbar province
  - June 2016: Reported killed in a coalition strike on Raqqa
  - October 2016: Reportedly "at death's door" after being poisoned by an assassin in Iraq
  - May 2017: Russia claims it "may have killed" Baghdadi in an air strike on Raqqa

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- July 2017: The "Syrian Observatory For Human Rights" (aka Osama Suleiman going by the pseudonym Rami Abdulrahman from his house in Coventry, which establishment lapdog Time dutifully notes "is considered a more reliable source than others — its reports about events in Syria are frequently cited by international news organizations") swore Baghdadi "really is dead this time" after an undescribed encounter in Syria's Deir al-Zour province, but, sadly for Suleiman, Baghdadi himself popped up the next month to dispute the claim.

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