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BIN LADIN WAS A SYMBOLIC AND UNIFYING FIGURE, AND WE JUDGE THAT HIS DEATH WILL EXPAND EXISTING FISSURES AMONG AL-QAIDA'S OPERATIONAL CADRES, PARTICULARLY AMONG SUPPORTERS AND MEMBERS FOR WHOM BIN LADIN RETAINED IMPORTANT STANDING AND AUTHORITY. HIS
PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT WAS CRITICAL IN ADVANCING AL-QAIDA'S STRATEGIC GOALS AND SOME AL-QAIDA SENIOR MEMBERS REMAINED IN THE ORGANIZATION LARGELY OUT OF PERSONAL RESPECT FOR HIM. IN PAKISTAN, WE JUDGE THAT AL-QAIDA WILL FACE CHALLENGES MAINTAINING STRATEGIC RELATIONSHIPS WITH LOCAL INSURGENT AND MILITANT LEADERS, SOME OF WHOM RELATIONSHIPS WITH AL-QAIDA WERE BASED ON LOYALTY TO BIN LADIN. EROSION OF THOSE RELATIONSHIPS WILL SIGNIFICANTLY UNDERMINE AL-QAIDA'S ABILITY TO OPERATE IN THE REGION.

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