## Revelations: The Abu Nidal group suspected of involvement in the UTA DC10 and Lockerbie bombings

In an article published in <u>Mediapart on September 18</u>, Karl Laske (Mediapart) and I reveal a new lead, following the publication of our **book on Libyan state terrorism**, "<u>The Assassin Who Had to Be Saved</u>," published in January. In the book, Libyan documents from the archives of Abdallah Senussi, former head of Gaddafi's secret service, detailed the preparations for the attacks on a Pan Am Boeing over Lockerbie, Scotland, on December 21, 1988 (270 victims) and on the UTA DC10 on September 19, 1989 (170 victims). (Scotland) on December 21, 1988 (270 victims) and the attack on the **UTA DC10** on September 19, 1989 (170 victims).

Until recently, some of these documents had not revealed all their secrets, such as the presence, mentioned several times, of a mysterious "Doctor" at meetings and explosive tests in mid-1988, alongside Senoussi and his teams. We had been unable to identify this person before the book was published.

But new sources, with whom we have been able to speak since publication, have enabled us to discover his identity as a Palestinian nicknamed Dr. Kamal. At the time, he was one of the main lieutenants of Abu Nidal, the radical Palestinian dissident who founded his group, Fatah-Revolutionary Council, in 1974. The Abu Nidal group, notorious for its terrorist activities in the 1980s, had settled in Tripoli under Gaddafi's protection and in return provided him with its expertise in terrorism, as confirmed by a former spokesman for the group, Atef Abubaker, in an interview.

For the first time, the involvement of the Abu Nidal group, via Dr. Kamal and other members of Fatah-RC, in the preparations for the UTA DC10 and Lockerbie attacks has been established with certainty. This could be of interest to the French justice system, as well as the Scottish and American authorities.

In our latest article, we report on these new developments and also reveal that the French judicial authorities had, for years, evidence to corroborate this hypothesis in the context of another investigation, into the attack on Rue des Rosiers on August 9, 1982, attributed to the Abu Nidal group, which the magistrates have just closed. **The figure of Dr. Kamal and his possible role in the UTA DC10 and Lockerbie attacks are indeed mentioned in their conclusions, issued last July**. This information could have been exploited long ago...

See our Mediapart article here, and in English here.

See also our article from early August on the former spokesman for the Abu Nidal group here.