

[Correction in the French daily newspaper 'Les Echos']

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Mr Bin Mahfouz has asked us to publish the following clarification:

“In their newspaper of 14 March 2005, ‘Les Echos’ published an article by Martine Royo entitled ‘The financial empire of Al-Qaeda’ which contained some incorrect information. Mr Bin Mahfouz was not involved in the foundation of the BCCI bank. He never had any executive position in this bank, of which he was only a non-executive member of the board between 1986 and 1989, and a shareholder between 1986 and 1988.

Mr Bin Mahfouz condemns all forms of terrorism. He has absolutely no connection with Osama Bin Laden or Al-Qaeda, nor has he ever knowingly funded terrorism in any way. Neither the United Nations nor any government has ever named him in any report or any list as someone who has funded terrorism.”