

Omar Diaby



- ❖ Born: 1976;
- ❖ Place of birth: Dakar, Senegal;
- ❖ Omar Diaby also known as Omar Omsen, is the self-proclaimed emir of a katiba - or fighting group - of French jihadists in Syria, many of them hailing from the southeastern French city of Nice.
- ❖ This group of approximately 50 fighters has participated in terrorist operations alongside the al-Nusra Front.
- ❖ Although assumed killed in August 2015, Diaby, re-emerged in May 2016, claiming his death was a ploy to allow him to travel to Turkey for an operation, to change his look.
- ❖ Diaby came to the attention of French intelligence due to his involvement with a French extremist group and his online propaganda video series.
- ❖ Diaby's videos have been credited as the chief reason behind why so many French nationals have joined militant groups in Syria and Iraq.

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