

## THE HUNT FOR BIN LADEN

# Echoes of fatal strike

**A PRECISION ATTACK:** Practice runs pay off for commandos

**CELEBRATION AND SORROW:** Families of slain GIs reminisce

**ARE WE SAFER?** Bin Laden's allure waned, but fears remain



Vice President Joe Biden (left), President Barack Obama (second from left), Secretary of State Hillary Clinton (second from right) and members of the national-security team receive updates on the mission against Osama bin Laden on Sunday. The White House provided this photo and obscured a classified document. PETE SOUZA/THE WHITE HOUSE VIA GETTY IMAGES



A Pakistan army soldier stands on top of the complex where bin Laden was killed. ANJUM NAVEED/ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Harrowing U.S. mission ends with a clear shot

By Greg Miller and Joby Warrick  
Washington Post

Half an hour had passed on the ground, but the American commandos raiding Osama bin Laden's Pakistani hideaway had yet to find their long-sought target.

Two of bin Laden's protectors were already dead, shot by the Navy SEALs carrying out the raid, and one of the U.S. helicopters sat crippled in the courtyard. Pakistan's military, which had been kept in the dark about the operation, was scrambling to respond to reports of explosions and gunfire at the compound.

The commandos swept methodically through the 1-acre compound's main building, clearing one room and then another as they made their way to the upper floors where they expected to find bin Laden. As they did so, Obama administration officials in the White House Situation Room listened to the SEAL team's conversations over secure lines.

"The minutes passed like days," said John Brennan, the administration's chief counterterrorism adviser. "It was probably one of the most anxiety-filled periods of time, I think, in the lives of the people who were assembled."

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## Shift in Arab world leaving terror behind

By Jeffrey Fleishman  
Los Angeles Times

CAIRO, Egypt — The austere image of a tall, turbaned man battling the West from a cave inspired young Islamist warriors for years. But when Osama bin Laden died, his virulent brand of jihad had been all but extinguished by the "Arab Spring" that found more potent and peaceful ways to reshape the world.

Al-Qaida-inspired militants still roam the mountains of Yemen and along the dangerous coast of Somalia. For many Arabs, though, bin Laden's appeal had waned in the lexicon of Facebook and Twitter; he had become akin to an oldies rock-and-roll act, an antiquated icon in a new era of

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Goldie Murphy holds a photo of her son, Army Chief Warrant Officer Hershel McCants Jr., who died in Afghanistan in 2007. NICK OZA/THE REPUBLIC

## Feelings of justice, sorrow for GIs lost

By Scott Craven and Richard Ruelas  
The Arizona Republic

Linton Wencel awoke after several hours' sleep Sunday night and went to the kitchen for a drink of water, glancing at the television his wife was watching.

The news grabbed his attention, and he felt the familiar despair return.

Although Wencel felt comfort at learning that Osama bin Laden had been killed by U.S. troops, he also felt suddenly awash in memories of his grandson, Sgt. Aaron "Moon" Crutenden, a soldier killed last year in Afghanistan.

Across the nation Sunday evening, people trumpeted bin Laden's death. Some even took to the streets, celebrating the death of the man who had become the United States' biggest villain.

But for others, news of the al-Qaida leader's slaying brought quiet moments of reflection,

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Photographs and a graphic give a detailed look at the Pakistan compound raided to get Osama bin Laden. **A4**

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## Feds likely to prosecute Ariz. medical-pot industry

By Mary K. Reinhart  
The Arizona Republic

Arizona's top federal prosecutor launched a pre-emptive strike against the state's medical-marijuana industry Monday, warning prospective pot growers and sellers that they could be prosecuted under federal drug-trafficking laws.

U.S. Attorney Dennis Burke, joining a growing chorus of federal law officers across the country, said his office will abide by a 2009 Justice De-

partment memo that discourages prosecution of medical-marijuana users. But he said anyone who possesses or distributes marijuana is still violating federal law. And he singled out large operations.

"The (Controlled Substances Act) may be vigorously enforced against large marijuana-production facilities," Burke wrote to Will Humble, director of the state Department of Health Services. "This compliance

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