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TERROR MASTERMIND

U.S. rejoices in demise of bin Laden

Osama bin Laden, the terror mastermind behind the 9/11 attacks, was killed Sunday by U.S. Navy SEALs.

AP FILE PHOTO



WASHINGTON (AP) — After nearly a decade of anger and fear, America rejoiced Monday at the demise of Osama bin Laden, the terror mastermind behind the horrific 9/11 attacks. Navy SEALs who killed the world's most-wanted terrorist seized a trove of al-Qaida documents to pore over, and President Barack Obama laid plans to visit New York's ground zero.

Bin Laden, killed in an intense firefight in a daring raid at his fortified hideout in Pakistan, was hunted down based on information first gleaned years ago from detainees at secret CIA prison sites in Eastern Europe, officials disclosed.

His body was quickly taken away for burial at sea, but not before a DNA match was done to prove his identity.

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REMEMBERING 9/11



El Centro firefighter Matthew Zinn talks about the death of terror mastermind Osama bin Laden. Zinn commented during an interview Monday at El Centro Fire Department Station No. 2. JOSELITO VILLERO PHOTO

Local firefighters urge caution in the days ahead

BY SILVIO J. PANTA
Staff Writer

El Centro firefighters Ken Herbert and Mike Apalategui remember where they were and what they did nearly 10 years ago on Sept. 11.

The demands of everyday work at the

station they worked at took a back seat to the horrendous images of the twin towers of the World Trade Center being destroyed in New York. The images had the veteran firefighters virtually glued to the television.

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ARAB COMMUNITY

Death a 'relief' to Imperial Valley's Muslim community

BY CHELCEY ADAMI
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The death of terrorist Osama bin Laden on Sunday reminded people that his actions do not represent the Islamic faith, and non-Muslim members of the public still need education on the subject, area Muslims said.

President Barack Obama underscored part of that in his speech Sunday night. "As we do, we must also reaffirm that the United States is not — and never will be — at war with Islam. ... Bin

Laden was not a Muslim leader; he was a mass murderer of Muslims," Obama said.

Farooq Ahmad volunteers at the Imperial Valley Islamic Center and reminds others that al-Qaida's beliefs are not shared by most Muslims.

"These people (al-Qaida) definitely do not represent the Islamic point of view," he said.

"They are just people who kill innocent people, and do not have room in civilized society," Ahmad said.

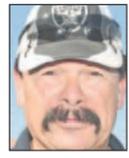
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RESIDENTS REACT



"I'm elated and excited. I think it was a big win for us. It shows them they can't hide. We will find them."

Barbara Storey, Holtville



"It's very good. I like it. It's very good for us and for everybody that lives in the USA."

Ramon Nuñez, El Centro



"I think he was killed a long time ago, and this is a ploy the government has done to cover up something they were doing or are going to do."

Karen Parker, El Centro



"Well it's never a good thing for someone to pass away, but obviously he had bad intentions for something he thought was right. It's probably right in some people's eyes to go over there fighting, but it's always about politics and never about the people."

Samantha Anguiano, Imperial



"It's good they got the guy but there's probably two or three that are just as bad as him so now we'll probably have to deal with someone as bad as him. Thank God they got the guy."

Din Abraham, El Centro

GUSTAVO SUAREZ

Court: Convicted sex offender complied with order

BY SILVIO J. PANTA
Staff Writer

Gustavo Suarez's legal saga came to a quiet end Monday after it was determined in Imperial County Superior Court that he complied with the order that he register as a sex offender.

Suarez, whose 2007 conviction on child molestation charges was



Gustavo Suarez

March to two misdemeanor sexual battery counts.

A probation report discussed during the court

session showed the victims' request that no restitution be paid.

Suarez has been placed on three years summary probation and ordered to have no contact with the five victims.

The conviction was reversed because evidence from an uncharged sexual offense in 1987 was admitted during his first trial.

Imperial County Assistant District Attorney Joe Beard had said that the prosecution would not have been able to present the same evidence that was presented during the first trial, which resulted in having 12 counts Suarez faced dismissed.

The plea bargain was approved in light of how a number of the alleged victims wanted to go

through another trial, Beard explained. Suarez's trial was highly publicized.

Robert Boyce, one of Suarez's two defense attorneys, had said that his client no longer lives in the Imperial Valley. **Staff Writer Silvio J. Panta can be reached at 760-337-3442 or at spanta@ivpressonline.com**