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## DEATH OF BIN LADEN

# BEHIND THE SCENES

- While the al-Qaida leader is gone, the terror threat remains.
- The body was buried at sea to avoid a grave site becoming a shrine.
- Reactions around the U.S. and the world ranged from relief to outrage.
- Hiding place raises suspicions as to whether Pakistan sheltered him.

## Hunting down Osama bin Laden

The raid that killed al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden took shape after detainees identified a bin Laden courier.

### First information

- After 9/11, CIA chases leads about bin Laden's inner circle
- Detainees repeatedly mention one courier's pseudonym, identifying him as one of the few trusted by bin Laden; true name, location unknown
- Courier's true identity learned in 2007
- Two years later, locations where courier and his brother operate in Pakistan are learned

### Narrowing in

- **August 2010:** Courier's residence found: high-security compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan
- **September 2010:** U.S. thinks bin Laden may be hiding in compound
- **February 2011:** U.S. thinks intelligence is strong enough to begin developing plan for going after bin Laden
- **March 2011:** First of five National Security Council meetings on capturing or killing bin Laden; other meetings: March 29, April 12, April 19, April 28

### The operation

- **April 29, 2011, 8:20 a.m. EDT:** Obama authorizes operation
- **May 1, 1 p.m.:** Top advisers gather at White House
- **Around 3 p.m. (midnight in Pakistan):** Helicopters heard over Abbottabad
- Two dozen Navy SEALs drop into high-walled compound; inside for 40 minutes
- Bin Laden killed in last five or 10 minutes of siege; shot twice in the head on third floor of main building

### Inside the compound in Abbottabad

- Built in 2005; about 3,000 sq. ft. of space; but no telephone or Internet service to avoid detection
- Two men lived on first floor.
- Exterior walls topped with barbed wire



By DAVID ESPO  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON • After nearly a decade of anger and fear, America rejoiced Monday at the demise of Osama bin Laden, the plotter behind the 9/11 attacks.



This photo of a section of a poster taken from the FBI website shows Osama bin Laden.

Bin Laden, killed in a firefight in a 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 said.

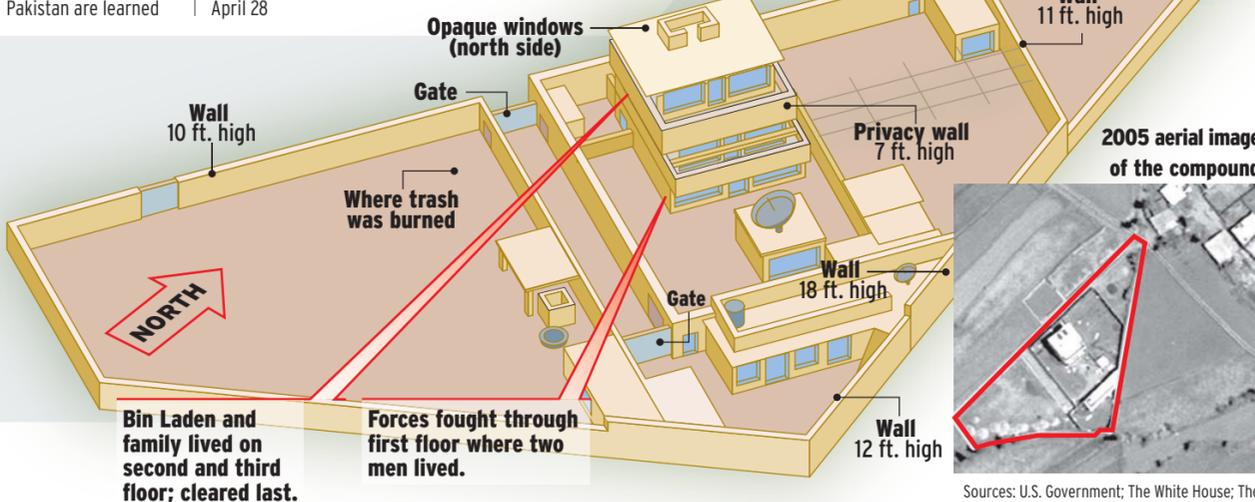
His body was taken away for burial at sea after a DNA match proved his identity. A U.S. official said there also were photos of bin Laden with the fatal wound above his left eye, a gunshot that tore away part of his skull. "The world is safer. It is a better place because of the death of Osama bin Laden," Obama declared, hours after U.S. forces killed the al-Qaida leader in the raid on his compound in Abbottabad, a military town near Islamabad, the Pakistan capital.

The CIA already was poring over confiscated hard drives, DVDs and other documents seized at the compound, looking for information on al-Qaida, including

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### LOOKING AHEAD

An administration official says President Barack Obama will travel to New York City on Thursday to mark the death of al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden. Obama is expected to visit Ground Zero, the site of al-Qaida's attack on the World Trade Center, and meet with the families of those killed nearly 10 years ago.



Sources: U.S. Government; The White House; The Associated Press; Reuters; ESRI; National Journal.com

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## THE MORNING READ

# Dad relishes justice for daughter

RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA • Tom Frost was at home Sunday, preparing for his night shift as a substation operator at Southern California Edison, when he received the news of Osama bin Laden's death.

Then Frost did what he does every day: He started talking to his daughter.

"Sweetheart, we got some justice. We got him." But his daughter, Lisa Frost, re-

## Tom Frost reflects on a rough decade.

mained silent, as she has for the past decade.

She was aboard United Flight 175 on Sept. 11, 2001, one of the more than 3,000 people killed that day by bin Laden and his followers.

Here's what Tom Frost, 57, who still lives in the house he once shared with Lisa and his family, had to say Monday about bin Laden's death, his daughter and life after her death:

Someone on the radio said today, "You'll remember where you were the day bin Laden got killed." This is one of those days, and it's kind of strange to think about it like that.

I just wanted to make sure that it was real, that it was true. I was a little hesitant to believe until I saw President Obama's address and hearing that they did, in fact, do an operation, and everything was verifiable in this case. This is a good thing. This is something that I've been wanting ever since Day One.

When 9/11 happened, the next

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### LEADERS FOLLOWED RAID FROM WASHINGTON

The president and his national security team monitored the strike on Osama bin Laden's Pakistan compound in the White House Situation Room. NEWS 4

### MANY IN O.C. CELEBRATE THE RAID IN PAKISTAN

Local community reacts with American flags and gunshots around the county, but supposedly pro-bin Laden graffiti was found on I-405. NEWS 6

### READERS SPEAK OUT ABOUT BIN LADEN'S DEATH

Letters speak of American pride and support for the military involved in the raid. Others lament behavior after the death announcement. NEWS 8



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