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# REAPING RAID'S REWARDS

As nation hails bin Laden death, CIA examines seized al-Qaida papers, hard drives, DVDs

BY ADAM GOLDMAN AND CHRIS BRUMMITT  
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WASHINGTON — 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 a firefight in a raid at his hideout in Pakistan, was hunted down based on in-

formation 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. A U.S. official said there also were photos showing bin Laden with the fatal wound above his left eye, a gunshot that tore away part of his skull. The photos were not immediately released.

Obama was expected to visit New York, site of al-Qaida's attack on the World Trade Center, and

meet with families of those killed, an administration official said.

The CIA pored over confiscated hard drives, DVDs and other documents looking for information on al-Qaida, including clues that might lead to his presumed successor, Ayman al-Zawahri.

Bin Laden's death after a decade on the run unloosed a national wave of euphoria mixed with remembrance for the thousands who died in the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks. Crowds celebrated throughout the night outside the White House and at ground zero in

Lower Manhattan where the Twin Towers once stood.

Obama reaped accolades from world leaders he'd kept in the dark about the operation as well as plaudits from political opponents at home. Republican and Democratic congressional leaders alike gave him a standing ovation at an evening meeting that was planned before the assault.

The SEALs dropped down ropes from helicopters at the compound, killed bin Laden aides and made their way to the main building

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**A life of stealth, a stunning death**

INSIDE: Full-page graphic details life — and dramatic death — of terror leader Osama bin Laden. **A7**



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It took the birth of his son, Colin, to change Derek Difani's view of Sept. 11. Difani, a Riverside native, survived the World Trade Center attack and used to mark 9/11 as the day he didn't die. Colin's arrival, on Sept. 11, 2008, initially led to some mixed emotions, but his birthday now carries the day.

## Those touched by 9/11 reflect

**INLAND REACTION:** All call it justice, though some wanted bin Laden captured alive. His death brings back painful memories.

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A barrage of text messages flooded Derek Difani's cellphone when news of Osama bin Laden's death hit the airwaves late Sunday, but one from his father stood out: "Your would-be assassin was taken care of."

The announcement struck a chord with Difani, of Menifee, who dodged death in the Sept. 11, 2001, World Trade Center attack orchestrated by bin Laden. A hijacked plane slammed first into the center's North Tower; 17 minutes later, a second jet plowed into the South Tower, where Difani was in stockbroker training at Morgan Stanley. Within an hour, two other seized aircraft crashed into the Pentagon and a Pennsylvania field. "It's just one step toward winning, and that obviously is reason to celebrate," Difani, 35, said of bin Laden's death. "For all the people who did lose loved ones, this has to be closure and a sense of justice."

Other survivors, along with friends and family of those who perished, agreed that bin Laden's demise brings an end to years of anguish and a frustratingly long search for the world's most-wanted terrorist.

The news also dredged up painful memories and anger for local firefighters who rushed to New

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## Inland Muslims see chance for a fresh start

**BIN LADEN:** With the terrorist gone, it could begin a new dialogue of understanding and tolerance, Islamic leaders hope.

BY LORA HINES AND DUG BEGLEY  
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The death of Osama bin Laden offers American Muslims a chance to further distance themselves from terrorists and live peaceably after years of misunderstanding about their religion, Southern California imams and mosque leaders hope.

For the last 10 years, bin Laden's actions have been denounced by many Muslims, claiming he was not a Muslim leader and did not represent Islam. Now, with bin

Laden gone, the country can move on, said Dr. Muzammil Siddiqi, and "start acting in a way to being more conciliatory."

"There has been a lot of propaganda that people use against Islam," said Siddiqi, religious director of the Islamic Society of Orange County. "There has been so much Islamophobia."

Fear of Muslims and Islamic radicals has been expressed by some people in Temecula, where the City Council earlier this year approved plans for construction of a new mosque. New Yorkers faced a similar debate when officials planned to move a mosque near the former site of the World Trade Center, brought down on Sept. 11.

Critics in both places called

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Around Inland mosques, Osama bin Laden's death has been a topic, but has not dominated discussions, says Mustafa Kuko, director of the Islamic Center of Riverside.

## Bin Laden brand of jihad seen as diminishing

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### ANALYSIS

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 'n' roll act, an

antiquated icon in a new era of revolution.

The pro-democracy movements that overthrew the autocratic regimes in Tunisia and Egypt accomplished in weeks what militants couldn't in decades. Radical and ultraconservative Muslims temper their screeds these days to speak to a Middle East and North Africa that crave jobs and freedoms over religious extremism and holy war that have led to promises of paradise but few earthly rewards.

"Many of us never really understood what exactly is jihad," said

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"Many of us never really understood what exactly is jihad. Blowing ourselves up anywhere there is an infidel?"

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