



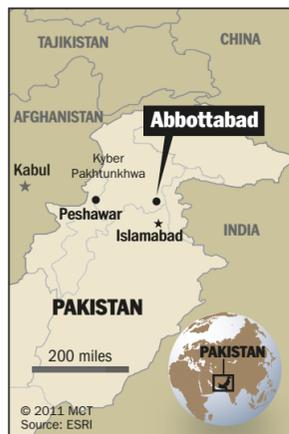
## WAR ON TERRORISM

# 'A good day for America'

### Obama fulfills Bush goal | U.S. plans to exploit new intel

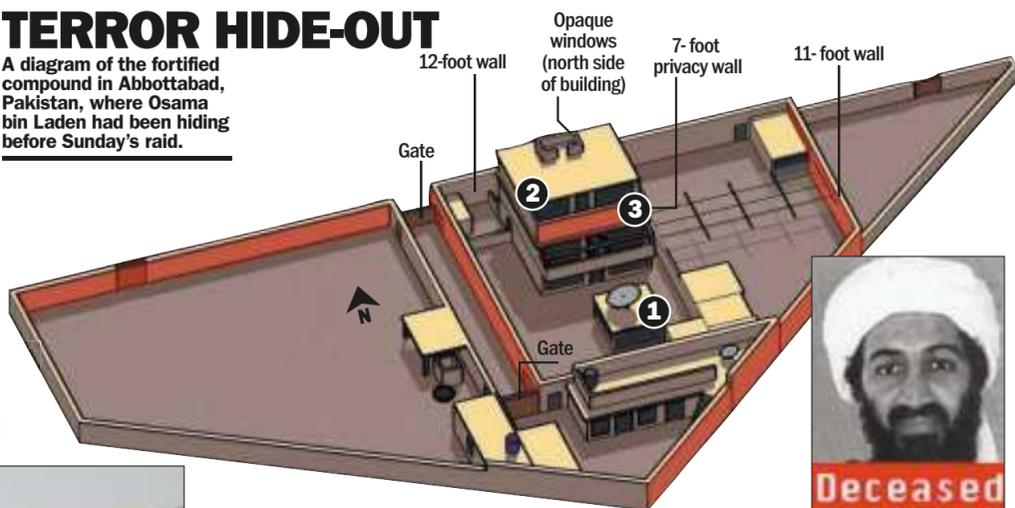
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## TERROR HIDE-OUT

A diagram of the fortified compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan, where Osama bin Laden had been hiding before Sunday's raid.



1. The Team 6 SEALs, after dropping into the compound aboard two Black Hawk helicopters, began the assault in the smaller of the two buildings.
2. Osama bin Laden died in an upper room of the three-story main house, using a woman as a human shield while he fired on the American commandos.
3. An unusual 7-foot privacy wall on a third-floor terrace raised suspicions that the compound had been built specifically to hide someone from prying eyes.

Source: ABC News



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Osama bin Laden's death Sunday in a million-dollar mansion in Pakistan at the hands of U.S. special operations forces punctured the mythology of a revolutionary leader sacrificing creature comforts for the good of jihad, American officials said Monday as the world digested the demise of its most notorious terrorist leader.

President Obama said bin Laden's death was "a good day for America," and his top counterterrorism adviser said the U.S. will seek to exploit intelligence found in the compound to try to roll up the rest of the al Qaeda terrorist network, which has affiliates in Pakistan, Yemen and North Africa.

The White House said bin Laden was buried at sea in keeping with Islamic law, but that action also denies him a grave site that could become a rallying point for supporters. Administration officials said his death — he was shot by Navy SEALs after trying to use a woman reputed to be his wife as a human shield — exposes him to potential followers as far different from the image of a committed fighter living in caves along the Afghanistan-Pakistan border.

"Here is bin Laden, who has been calling for these attacks, living in this million-dollar-plus compound, living in an area that is far removed from the front, hiding behind women who were put in front of him as a shield," said John Brennan, Mr. Obama's homeland security and counterterrorism adviser. "I think it really just speaks to just how false his narrative has been over the years."

Other details emerged of the dramatic raid on the compound in Abbottabad, north of Islamabad, including that bin Laden reached for a weapon to try to defend himself in the firefight.

One military source told The Wash-

## Intelligence break led to bin Laden's hide-out

BY BILL GERTZ

THE WASHINGTON TIMES

The nearly flawless, 40-minute covert military raid that killed Osama bin Laden began with an intelligence breakthrough in August that helped pinpoint the compound where the terrorist leader was suspected of hiding.

The early morning airborne commando strike carried out Sunday was the culmination of an ultra-secret operation that lasted nearly nine months, used testimony from many different types of sources — captured terrorists, human spies, spy satellite data, electronic intercepts — and finally ended the massive 10-year manhunt for the

world's most-wanted terrorist.

A Navy SEAL-led counterterrorist commando team from the Naval Special Warfare Development Group in Virginia — a team that included CIA officers — launched the multi-helicopter assault from a base in Afghanistan and flew to Abbottabad, 35 miles from Islamabad and about 100 miles from the

Afghan border, for the raid.

The facility was built at an estimated cost of \$1 million in a wealthy neighborhood that is close to Pakistan's main military academy and is known for residences of former Pakistani military leaders — all points

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## SEALs are standing taller after secret raid

BY ROWAN SCARBOROUGH

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After the U.S. responded to the Sept. 11 attacks by investing billions of dollars to revive neglected special operations forces, it was only fitting that Navy SEALs earned the glory of killing the most wanted terrorist in history.

It was not an airstrike from 15,000 feet, or a foreign military, or someone in the inner circle who got to Osama bin Laden.

It was a team of well-trained American warriors whose command made manhunting a top priority over the past decade.

"Amen. We're standing 6 inches taller," said retired Rear Adm. George R. Worthington, who, as the top SEAL, headed the Naval Special Warfare Command in Coronado, Calif., in the early 1990s. "Interesting that 'scuba divers' took out Osama bin Laden."

The nearly flawless helicopter assault on bin Laden's walled hide-out in Abbottabad, Pakistan, showed that the huge U.S. investment in special operations forces — or SOF, as they are known — paid off spectacularly. There was no repeat of Desert One, the botched 1980 raid to free U.S. hostages in Iran, or Black Hawk Down, the disastrous 1993 mission in Somalia to capture a warlord.

The Somalia mission involved the secretive Joint Special Operations Command — the same unit that led Sunday's killing of bin Laden. What happened in the interim began with Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld's post-Sept. 11 orders to rebuild Special Operations Command into a

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## MILITARY APPRECIATION NIGHT



Members of the U.S. Navy (from left) Matt Cobb, Juan Sosa, Oleksandr Chulovsky, Adam Hughes and Ed Brown acknowledge a standing ovation from the Nationals Park crowd during Military Appreciation Night on Monday. Story, C1.

## In death, bin Laden still the root of anxious times

BY JENNIFER HARPER

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He lurked in the shadows of the American psyche for a decade: Osama bin Laden was the potent symbol of evil, the elusive foe, the monster, the myth. And now he's gone, leaving the nation to celebrate his death but ponder an uneasy future.

The aftereffects are complex. While we still mourn the dead from the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, there is some relief and reassuring pride in military know-how and hard-won victory. The press is awash in lofty commentary and rampant speculation while rakish headlines proclaim, "Osama been gotten."

Horror lingers, though. We've had an encounter with the proverbial bogeyman.

"He was the Adolf Hitler of our

time. He was the 'bogeyman.' He was the incarnation of pure evil, killing Muslims, Christians, Jews, Hindus and agnostics indiscriminately. He was a mass murderer who couched his madness in a religion," talk radio host Michael Savage told The Washington Times.

"As we mark this victory, we know that as one chapter closes, more chapters will be written. A flawed ideology did not die with one man," said Tom Ridge, the nation's first Homeland Security secretary. "But just as surely as the fight will continue, so will our determination. We remain, just as we were nearly 10 years ago, joined together and joined to the task."

Indeed, the nation stood collectively vigilant against the specter of a

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## Obama gets praise for taking bold action

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When news of Osama bin Laden's death broke late Sunday, thousands of people thronged Pennsylvania Avenue to celebrate near the White House, while just 16 blocks away the streets near the Capitol were deserted — a stark reminder of how the responsibility for the daring assassination raid rested squarely on the shoulders of one man in Washington.

By the time the 40 momentous minutes U.S. forces were on the ground in Pakistan concluded, Mr. Obama had fulfilled President George W. Bush's goal of getting bin Laden "dead or alive," and made good on his own 2008 campaign promise to elevate the world's top terrorist to be the intelligence community's top-priority target.

His gutsy call to send in special operations forces so bin Laden or his body could be positively identified, rather than bomb beyond recognition his compound in Abbottabad, earned praise from across the political spectrum.

"There are so many other places that we might be able to find to disagree with the president. Today should be not one of them," said Rep. Mike Rogers, Michigan Republican and chairman of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. "This was a well-planned, well-executed [mission]. The Bush administration deserves credit for where they got the investigation, the Obama administration deserves credit for pulling it along and actually giving the order to go ahead and do it. It wasn't without risk."

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