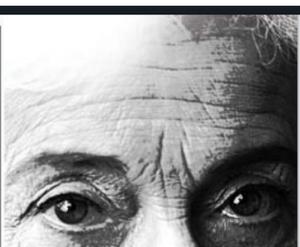


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THE END OF BIN LADEN

# NOWHERE TO HIDE

How a bold, tense mission took out Public Enemy No. 1

Months of secret planning led to the daring Navy raid that ended with a shot to the head.

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WASHINGTON — Even as the Navy SEALs slid down ropes from their hovering helicopters, there still was some uncertainty that the man they were after was inside the massive, night-shrouded compound on the edge of the sleeping city in northeastern Pakistan.

After all, Osama bin Laden was long thought to be hiding in a cave or other refuge in Pakistan's rugged tribal area bordering Afghanistan.

But one of the raiders thought he recognized the leader of al Qaeda, and dropped him with a shot to his left eye as the SEALs stormed into a third-floor room of the main house during a nearly 40-minute firefight.

The raider compared the dead man's face to bin Laden's picture. They seemed to match. So did measurements of his nose, eyes, height and other features. Then one of the dead man's wives positively identified him. Yet it wasn't until later that DNA tests of "99.99 percent confidence" dispelled any lingering uncertainty.

Bin Laden was dead. No Americans were killed or injured. Four people other than bin Laden died: a trusted courier thought by U.S. officials to have harbored bin Laden and his family for several years; the courier's brother; bin Laden's son, Khaled; and one of the terrorist leader's wives, shot as she shielded her husband.

Details of one of riskiest and meticulously planned covert operations ever pulled off by the CIA and the U.S. military emerged in briefings and interviews Monday with administra-

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**ANXIOUS MOMENTS:** President Barack Obama, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and others on the national security team get updates on the Pakistan mission in the White House Situation Room.

President Barack Obama and his administration revealed details of how Osama bin Laden was found and killed in Pakistan.

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WASHINGTON — Americans revealed Monday in the death of Osama bin Laden, a moment the Obama administration hoped would be a pivot point in the long war against terrorism by showing the world that bin Laden lived and died as a hypocrite and a coward, and that his terror network is headed toward destruction as well.

"This is a good day for America," President Barack Obama proclaimed at the White House. "Our country has kept its commitment to see that justice is done. The world is safer; it is a better place because of the death of Osama bin Laden."

Obama and his administration revealed more details of how bin Laden was found and killed early Monday in Pakistan. They told how bin Laden was shielded by one of his wives before both were shot to death, and how the president and his aides monitored events in real time from an anxiety-filled White House Situation Room.

They also said they hope to parlay the death into a fresh campaign to turn hearts away from terror, and that they will investigate to find out how bin Laden managed to hide for so long in Pakistan, a nominal ally.

With the terror mastermind killed by U.S. forces in a firefight and dispatched to an unmarked watery grave, much of the country felt elation nearly 10 years after bin Laden dispatched terrorists to hijack commercial airliners and use them to attack

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**SUPPORTERS:** Protesters in Pakistan condemn the killing of Osama bin Laden.



**TIGHTENED SECURITY:** New York City police officers arrive at the Armed Forces recruitment center in Times Square.

**PUBLIC HEALTH**

## Jackson's future: independence?

Two major efforts are under way to change how Jackson Health System is governed, including a plan to move it from government to independent nonprofit.

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Eight months after a grand jury called Jackson Health System a "colossal mess" and placed much of the blame on how it's overseen, two new fast-paced efforts are gaining traction to make huge changes in the way Miami-Dade's financially desperate public hospitals are governed.

One is a proposal for an immediate fix by shrinking Jackson's governing body, the 17-member Public Health Trust, to a seven-

member Financial Recovery Board that could be overridden by the County Commission only by a two-thirds vote. Commissioners are expected to consider that proposal Tuesday.

At the same time, a task force of 20 community leaders, including four hospital chief executives and a grand jury prosecutor, has been meeting to explore long-term changes. Among them: converting the government hospital system into a private nonprofit that would be partly or entirely freed

from the politics that many healthcare experts believe has hindered Jackson from making hard decisions that would allow the money losing institution to survive. The group's report is expected to be finished by May 13.

For a long time, Jackson and community leaders have complained about the way Jackson is governed, with the 13-member County Commission able to overturn any action by the Trust. In September 2009, the Trust asked the commission to consider a public referendum for voters to approve a special taxing district,

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**POLITICS**

## For party, a fighting voice

As the Democratic National Committee's incoming leader, Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz must rally her party to take back the U.S. House of Representatives from Republicans.

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WASHINGTON — Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz was running late, but she couldn't pass up the opportunity.

In a room filled with congressional colleagues, the Florida Democrat called out Republican Gov. Rick Scott for "gutting" a crime unit that targets online predators, a move she called "hard to grasp and irresponsible."

She held her ground even as Scott told her she was misin-

formed, asking him to have his staff provide her with details "to show me where I'm incorrect."

It was vintage Wasserman Schultz: aggressive, determined and direct.

Now the hard-charging 44-year-old, a Democratic rising star since she was elected at age 26 to the Florida state House, is poised for her biggest role yet: President Barack Obama's choice to chair the Democratic National

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