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— PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA



From left, Melissa LaCour, Brittany McGarry, Bryan Murray and Dennis Vincent celebrate Monday outside the ABC studio in New York's Times Square as news of Osama bin Laden's death is announced on the ticker. AP

Navy SEALs credited with success in mission to capture, kill bin Laden

WASHINGTON (AP) — Proudly declaring the killing of Osama bin Laden “a good day for America,” President Barack Obama said Monday the world was a safer place without the world’s most hunted terrorist. DNA testing helped confirm that American forces in Pakistan had in fact killed the mastermind of the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks

U.S. officials said, seeking to erase any doubt about the news that riveted the globe.

Acting on intelligence that bin Laden was holed up in a compound in the city of Abbottabad, Obama ordered a risky, unilateral mission to capture or kill the al-Qaida leader on foreign soil. His counterterror chief, John Brennan, said Monday

that Obama had monitored the raid from the White House Situation Room and expressed relief that elite forces had finally gotten bin Laden without losing any more American lives.

“It was probably one of the most anxiety-filled periods of time in the lives of the people who were assembled here,” Brennan said from the White

House. “The minutes passed like days.”

The dramatic developments came just months ahead of the 10-year anniversary of the hijacked-airliner assaults on the United States. Those attacks took almost 3,000 lives, led the U.S. into war in Afghanistan and Iraq and forever pierced the notion that the most powerful

country on earth could not be hit on such a ferocious scale.

U.S. officials grimly warned of potential retaliation for bin Laden’s killing. Indeed, a top al-Qaida ideologue vowed revenge and said the Islamic holy war against the West was far from over.

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Locals respond with gratitude, disbelief, prayer and pride

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When Julie Donaldson woke her husband, Tim, from a sound sleep Sunday night, he thought something had happened to one of their children.

“You’re not going to believe this,” the Fort Walton Beach woman said. “Bin Laden is dead.”

Tim, who describes himself as an “old-fashioned Southern boy” who believes in his country, was ecstatic.

“I’m 100 percent gratified,” he said. “I know there will be some terrorists moving up in the ranks, taking his place. That’s all right. We’ll take care of that.”

First thing Monday morning,

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Tim Donaldson, general manager of Fort Walton Beach Auto Brokers, announced the news of Osama bin Laden’s death on a sign in front of his business and posted Monday’s Daily News front page on its front door.

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I sure wish I could hear what God is saying to Osama bin Laden.

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