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Fabled SEAL Team 6 ends hunt for bin Laden

By **KIMBERLY DOZIER**
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WASHINGTON — Osama bin Laden's death in a ripped-from-a-spy-thriller helicopter raid and firefight gives a storied unit of U.S. special operations forces bragging rights for what has become the most famous covert operation since the Sept. 11 attacks launched on bin Laden's orders.

The unit, called Navy SEAL Team Six, probably won't claim the credit publicly, however.

U.S. officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, say units from SEAL Team Six dropped into bin Laden's high-walled compound in Pakistan early Monday morning, sliding down ropes in the pre-dawn dark. The military won't confirm which unit carried out the attack.

But the head of the Navy SEALs, Rear Adm. Edward Winters, sent an email congratulating his forces and warning them to keep their mouths shut.

"Be extremely careful about operational security," he added. "The fight is not over."

Made up of only a few hundred forces based in Dam Neck, Va., the elite SEAL unit officially known as Naval Special Warfare Development Group, or "DEVGRU," is part of a special operations brotherhood that calls itself "the quiet professionals."

SEAL Team Six raided targets outside war zones like Yemen and Somalia in the past three years, though the unit operates primarily in Afghanistan.

Apartment fire displaces local families

By **KEN BLACK**
TIMES-REPUBLICAN

An early-morning apartment fire in Marshalltown caused tenants in a six-unit apartment building to seek other arrangements, at least temporarily, Monday.

Marshalltown fire crews were called to the scene of the fire at 703 S. 12th Ave. at approximately 2:30 a.m. When firefighters arrived, they could see flames coming out of a second-story window.

Crews used an exterior stairway to gain entrance to the upper apartment where the fire was extinguished. Firefighters remained on the scene nearly four hours.

"The apartment that had the fire is not able to be occupied," said Marshalltown Fire Chief Steve Edwards. "Hopefully, they will be able to get back into the other units quickly."

No injuries were reported. The Iowa Rivers Chapter of the American Red Cross was on the scene to assist the families in finding other arrangements for the night.

Damage estimates were not available.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

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Osama Bin Laden's demise: US rejoices after a decade



Supporters of Pakistani religious party Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam rally to condemn the killing of Osama bin Laden in Quetta, Pakistan on Monday. Osama bin Laden, the mastermind behind the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks that killed thousands of people, was slain in his hideout in Pakistan early Monday in a firefight with U.S. forces, ending a manhunt that spanned a frustrating decade.

By **ADAM GOLDMAN**
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — After nearly a decade of anger and fear, 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 an intense firefight in a daring 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 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.

"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 middle-of-the-

night raid on his compound in Abbottabad. Obama was expected to visit New York, the site of al-Qaida's attack on the World Trade Center, and meet with the families of those killed, an administration official said.

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

Bin Laden's death after a decade on the run unloosed a national wave of euphoria

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Bin Laden hid in plain sight



Pakistan army soldiers and a police officer patrol past the house, background, where it is believed al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden lived in Abbottabad, Pakistan on Monday.

By **NAHAL TOOSI**
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ABBOTTABAD, Pakistan — The death of Osama bin Laden in a fortress-like compound on the outskirts of a Pakistani city that is home to three army regiments and thousands of soldiers raises questions over whether Pakistani security forces knew the whereabouts of the world's most wanted man.

The al-Qaida chief was living in a house in Abbottabad that a U.S. administration official said was "custom built to hide someone of significance." The city around 60 miles from the capital Islamabad is a far cry from the remote mountain caves along the Pakistan-Afghanistan tribal border where most intelligence assessments had put bin Laden in recent years.

Critics have long accused elements of Pakistan's security establishment of protecting bin Laden, though Islamabad has always denied this. Ties between the United States and Pakistan have hit a low point in recent months over the future of Afghanistan, and any hint of possible Pakistani collusion with bin Laden could hit them hard even amid the jubilation of getting American's No. 1 enemy.

That bin Laden could be in

Abbottabad unknown to authorities "is a bit amazing" says Hamid Gul, a former Pakistani intelligence chief fiercely critical of America's presence in the region. Aside from the military "there is the local police, the Intelligence Bureau, Military Intelligence, the ISI, they all had a presence there."

Pakistani security forces blocked access to the compound Monday, but Associated Press reporters saw the wreckage of a helicopter that crashed during the operation. Local residents described the sounds of bullets, the clatter of chopper blades and two large explosions as the raid went down.

The compound was around one kilometer (half a mile) away from the Kakul Military Academy, an army-run institution for top officers and one of several military installations in the bustling, hill-ringed town of around 400,000 people.

An American administration official said the compound was built in 2005 at the end of a narrow dirt road with "extraordinary" security measures. He said it had 12 to 18-foot walls topped with barbed wire with two security gates and no telephone or Internet service connected to it.

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Aidy Phomvisay, left, the next Marshalltown High School principal, talks with Marshalltown Superintendent Marvin Wade prior to Monday's school board meeting. Accompanying Phomvisay to the meeting at district offices where his appointment was approved are his wife, Mindy, and children, Elijah and Emma.

Phomvisay is next MHS principal

Hire approved by school board

By **ANDREW POTTER**
TIMES-REPUBLICAN

Aidy Phomvisay has been named the next principal of Marshalltown High School. Phomvisay, 38, has spent the last six years as associate principal at West Des Moines Valley High School.

"It's an honor and a thrill to be the next Marshalltown High School principal," Phomvisay said.

His appointment was approved by the Marshalltown School Board at its meeting Monday. Phomvisay met with interview teams of staff, students and community members last week.

The final decision on the hire was made by Marshalltown Superintendent Marvin Wade, who said Phomvisay shares similar feelings on education with himself.

"Obviously, I think he's going to be a good fit for the district," Wade said. "His skills match up well with what we're looking for to take the high school forward."

Prior to his time in West Des Moines, Phomvisay taught middle school and high school in Ames. He also has taught classes at Drake University and Iowa State University.

He looks forward to working with the staff and students at MHS.

"We will not only have a laser-like focus in student achievement but also have a strong sense of purpose," Phomvisay said.

He has both a bachelor's and master's degree from Iowa State University and is working on his doctorate from ISU as well.

The next MHS leader will start July 1 and replace the retiring Bonnie Lowry. He plans to tap into Lowry's experience before she leaves.

"I think that it's important that I learn from as many people as possible," Phomvisay said.

He arrives in Marshalltown with his two elementary-age children and wife, Mindy, who is a music educator in Ankeny. Phomvisay said it is his intention for his family to move to Marshalltown.

He will make an annual salary of \$111,000.

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Mourners ask for revenge after NATO strike

Libyans shouting for revenge buried Moammar Gadhafi's second youngest son to the thundering sound of anti-aircraft fire Monday, as South Africa warned that the NATO bombing that killed him would only bring more violence. | A10



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Army considers closing the Missouri levee

The Army Corps of Engineers pumped liquid explosives into an earthen levee Monday as demolition crews prepared to blow a two-mile-wide hole in the barrier — part of a desperate bid to save an Illinois town imperiled by rising floodwaters. | A9



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