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'World is safer'

Millions rejoice over killing of man behind Sept. 11



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A Pakistan army soldier stands Monday on top of the house where it is believed al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden lived in Abbottabad, Pakistan.

THE MANHUNT

Courier's trail led to lair in Pakistan

By Adam Goldman and Matt Apuzzo
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — When one of Osama bin Laden's most trusted aides picked up the phone last year, he unknowingly led U.S. pursuers to the doorstep of his boss, the world's most wanted terrorist.

That telephone call, recounted Monday by a U.S. official, ended a years-long search for bin Laden's personal courier, the key break in a worldwide manhunt. The courier, in turn, led U.S. intelligence to a walled compound in northeast Pakistan, where a team of Navy

SEALs shot bin Laden to death Sunday.

Officially, it was a kill-or-capture mission, since the United States doesn't kill unarmed people trying to surrender. But it was clear from the beginning that whoever was behind those walls had no intention of surrendering, two U.S. officials said.

Helicopters descended into the compound, hovering and dropping the SEALs behind the walls. No shots were fired, but shortly after the team hit the ground, one of the aircraft came crashing down and rolled onto

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U.S. hopes equipment seized from fortified compound leads to No. 2

By Adam Goldman and Chris Brummitt
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.

The U.S. said a DNA match proved the man behind the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, was dead.

After the gunfire, U.S. forces swept bin Laden's fortified compound in Pakistan and left with a trove of hard drives, DVDs and other documents that officials said the CIA was already poring over. The hope: clues leading to



President Barack Obama



Osama bin Laden

his presumed successor, al-Qaida No. 2 Ayman al-Zawahiri.

"The world is safer. It is a better place because of the death of Osama bin Laden," declared President Barack Obama, hours after U.S. forces killed the al-Qaida leader. They ferried the body out for a quick burial at sea.

An administration official said Obama will travel to New

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