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# DETAILS EMERGE

## President calls world safer after death of bin Laden

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WASHINGTON – Osama bin Laden, the terror mastermind killed by Navy SEALs in an intense firefight, was hunted down based on information first gleaned years ago from detainees at secret CIA prison sites in Eastern Europe, officials disclosed Monday. The U.S. said a DNA match proved the man behind the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, was dead, and millions of Americans rejoiced.



Bin Laden

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 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 then ferried the body out for a quick burial at sea.

Bin Laden's death after a decade on the run unleashed a national wave of euphoria mixed with remembrance for the thousands who died in the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks. Crowds celebrated throughout the night outside the White House and at ground zero in Lower Manhattan where the Twin Towers once stood. Thousands of students at Penn State University and in other college towns spilled into the streets and set off firecrackers to mark the moment.

"For my family and I,



Dionne Layne (facing camera) hugs Mary Power as they react to the news of the death of Osama bin Laden in New York. At left in the background is the rising tower, 1 World Trade Center, also known as the Freedom Tower.

it's good, it's desirable, it's right," said Mike Low of Batesville, Ark., whose daughter Sara was a flight attendant aboard the hijacked plane that was flown into the World Trade Center North Tower. "It certainly brings an ending to a major quest for all of us."

Halfway around the world, a prominent al-Qaida commentator vowed revenge. "Woe to his enemies. By God, we will avenge the killing of the Sheik of Islam," he wrote under his online name Assad al-Jihad2. "Those who wish that jihad has ended or weakened, I tell them: Let us wait a little bit."

U.S. officials conceded the risk of renewed attack. The terrorists "almost certainly will attempt to avenge" bin Laden's death, CIA Director Leon Panetta wrote in a memo that congratulated the agency for its role in the operation. "Bin Laden is dead. Al-Qaida is not."

Within a few hours, the Department of Homeland Security warned that bin Laden's death was likely to provide motivation for attacks from "homegrown violent extremists" seeking revenge.

## Local residents express relief, concerns

BY CHANEL DAVIS  
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**HIGH POINT** – With the death of Osama bin Laden, some say they are afraid of retaliation from al-Qaida and wonder where the country – and the war on terror – will go from here.

Others believe the killing of bin Laden will make terrorists think twice before planning an attack.

"While there is a lot of talk in the press right now about the possibility of retaliation, the fact is that we already have removed most of al-Qaida's terrorist infrastructure with very little blowback. Al-Qaida wanted to kill as many Americans as they could the day before yesterday, and they are going to try to do the same tomorrow regardless of how aggressively and effectively we track and eliminate their leadership," said Mark Setzler, director of High Point University's International Relations Program. "Right now, our biggest concern is how the U.S. fight on the war on terrorism should be



UNCG student Justin Whapham of Kernersville took a flag to the Wendover/140 bridge in celebration of the demise of Osama bin Laden.

to avoid serious missteps like those at Abu Graib and Guantanamo, or the burning of the Koran by private parties."

High Point native Cassandra Flemming agrees.

"I feel as if it was a triumph for President Obama and our military," she said. "I also feel that we as Americans need to be on alert, because there will be some form of repercussions."

And some, like High Point resident Gary Boger,

say they won't be entirely convinced that bin Laden is dead until they see proof.

"How do they know it was him?" Boger said. "They didn't say anything about DNA. He's got so many look-alikes who can be sure."

Later on Monday, officials said a quick DNA match was made from bin Laden's remains. U.S. officials also said bin Laden was identified through photo compari-

**RESIDENTS, 2A**

# Deputy fire chief alleges sex discrimination

BY PAT KIMBROUGH  
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**HIGH POINT** – The top-ranking female member of the High Point Fire Department has accused City Manager Strib Boynton of gender discrimination by denying her a promotion.

Deputy Chief Martha Younts told the City Council Monday she filed a grievance with the city against Boynton, arguing that her qualifications, education and experience exceeded those of recently appointed Interim Chief Lee Knight, who Boynton picked to lead the department following the retirement of former Chief David Taylor. The search process to select and appoint the new, permanent chief has not started.



Boynton



Younts

Younts said Boynton spoke with her on several occasions since August 1999 about assuming the chief's position. Younts' attorney, Ashley Duncan of Charlotte, told the council that "she was promised the fire chief position by the city manager and he failed to follow through because of her gender."

"I really want to be the chief here, and I assumed that I was going to be from Mr. Boynton's comments from the past 12 years," Younts said. "My life has

been the fire department, and for 30 years, and especially for the last 12, all I have done is groom myself, as Mr. Boynton told me I needed to, to become the chief here. Nobody that's come through this department has had as much education and experience as I have in the last 30 years. I have been in every facet of the fire service."

Younts made her allegations during the public comment portion of the council's meeting. State personnel laws keep most information about public employees private, but the council voted to allow Boynton to respond after finding that it was necessary to release information about the case in order to preserve public confidence in city services.

"I emphatically deny

(Younts') allegations that she was promised the position of fire chief or denied the promotion based on her gender, because there's been no appointment of a new fire chief," Boynton said. "The whole point is, we haven't started the search process, so what are you grieving?"

Younts, who joined the department in 1981 and became its first full-time female firefighter, holds one of three deputy chief positions, which is the tier in the department hierarchy just below the chief's position. Knight was one of six battalion chiefs, who rank below the deputy chiefs. Younts, who is eligible to retire in August, claimed Boynton asked her in February not to retire for another two years because Taylor would

be leaving soon, leading her to believe she would be appointed chief.

Boynton said he made the "temporary promotion" of Knight to interim chief, in part because of recent "management lapses" within the department that resulted in the city paying a \$57,000 fine for 17 violations of state Occupational Safety and Health Act regulations by the department, which had to do with deficiencies in firefighters' training, equipment and safety.

Boynton said Younts has "senior executive management responsibility for technical services, including facility maintenance, apparatus maintenance, equipment testing, uniforms and other related duties."

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Vereda J. Williams, an associate professor in the Department of Economics and Finance at North Carolina A&T State University, published an article in the International Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences. The article is titled "Community Perceptions of the Environmental Impact of the Closure of Fort McPherson."

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