

# The Obama Foreign Policy



# Important Cabinet Members



Vice President Joe Biden

# Secretary of State Hillary Clinton (2009 – 2013)



## New Travel Records

Miles Traveled (95,733) and Countries Visited (112)

# Secretary of Defense Robert Gates (2006 – 2011)



- From President Bush's Cabinet

# Current Cabinet Secretaries



John Kerry  
State Secretary



Chuck Hagel  
Defense Secretary

# Obama: The Peace President



Earning His Nobel Peace Prize

# Guantanamo Prison, Cuba (2002)



# Symbol of American Hypocrisy



Detainees held without a trial



# Executive Order #13492 (1/22/09)



Guantanamo Prison will close within 1 year

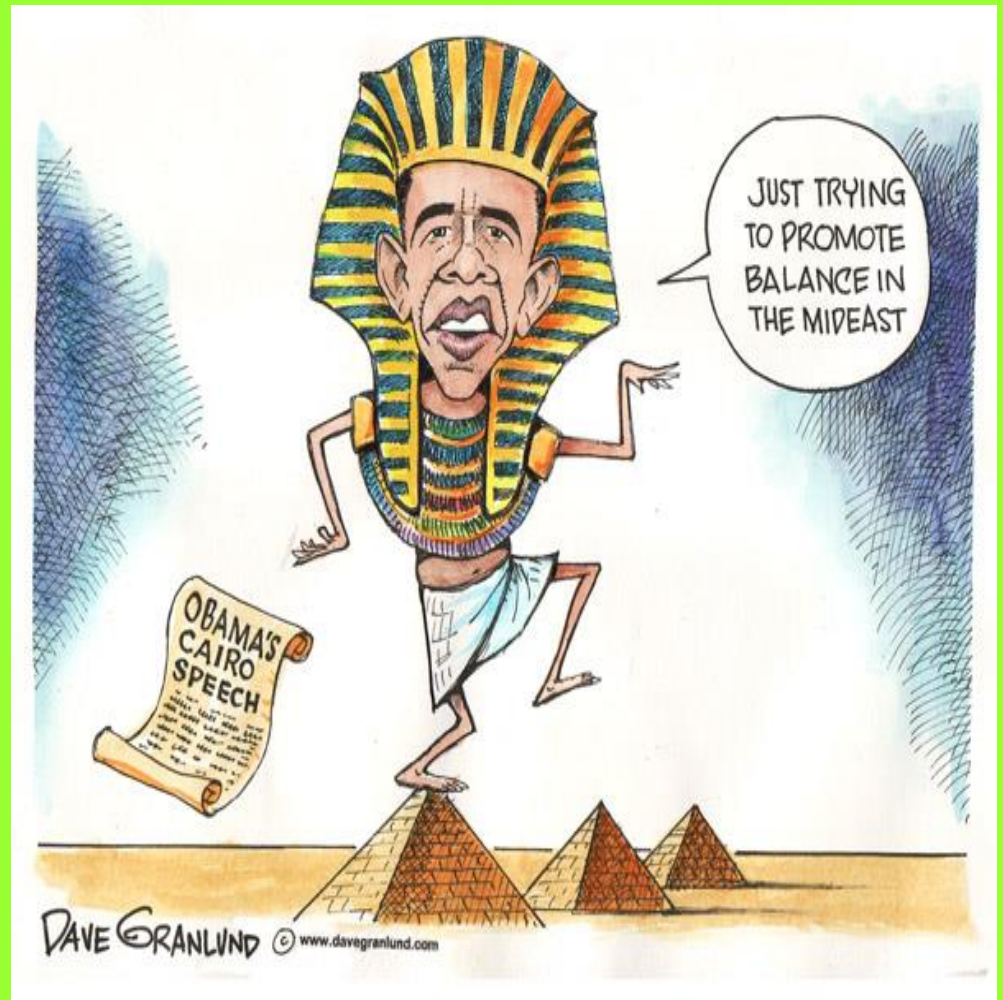
# Gitmo Still Opened for Business



# Cairo, Egypt Speech

## June 4, 2009

Called for a “new beginning” in relations between the Islamic world and the United States and promoting Middle East peace.”



# Nuclear Disarmament



AP

# New START Treaty

## April 8, 2010



- Would cut nuclear arsenals by a 1/3
- US Senate Approval –December 22, 2010

# Iranian Nuclear Disarmament

## November 24, 2013



- 6 month deal
- Iran: slow development and allow more monitoring
- US: ease sanctions

# Obama: The War President



# Promised to End Iraq War





# US Will Withdraw from Iraq (2/27/09)



US forces will follow the SOFA and withdraw by 2011

# US Withdrawal from Iraq

## December 18, 2011



# American Cost (11/2012)



Los Angeles Times / Luis Sinco v

American Deaths:

4,488

American Monetary  
Cost:

\$804 billion

# Total Overall Cost of Iraq War (Pentagon)

**\$2 Trillion**

**\$2,000,000,000,000**

# Obama and Afghanistan



# Troop Surge (February 2009)



17,000 Increase (98,000 Total)

# Purpose: Increase Security (Iraq)



# General David Petraeus



Top US Counterinsurgency General



# Where's Bin Laden?

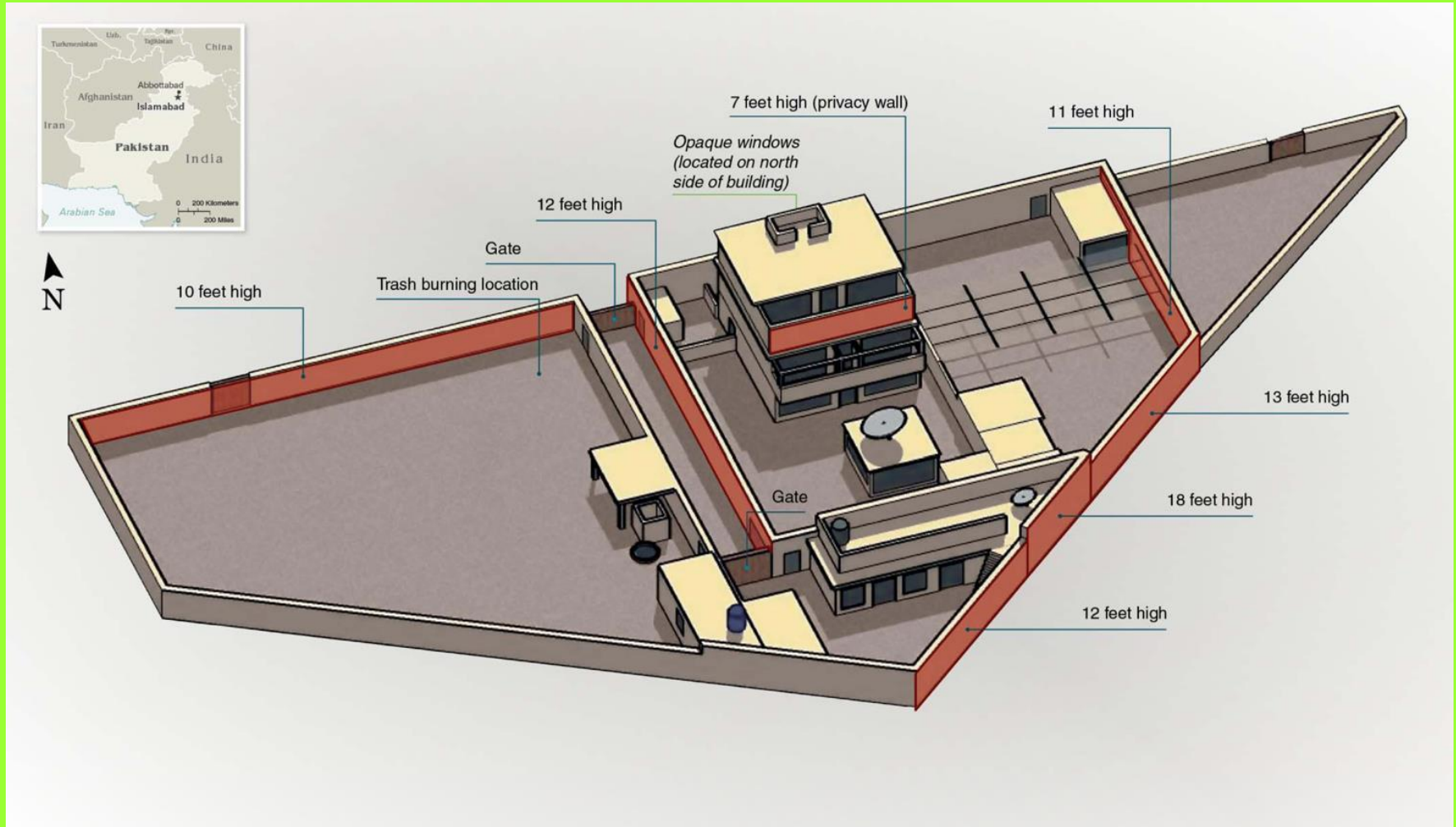


- Trail went “cold” in 2005

# Abbottabad, Pakistan



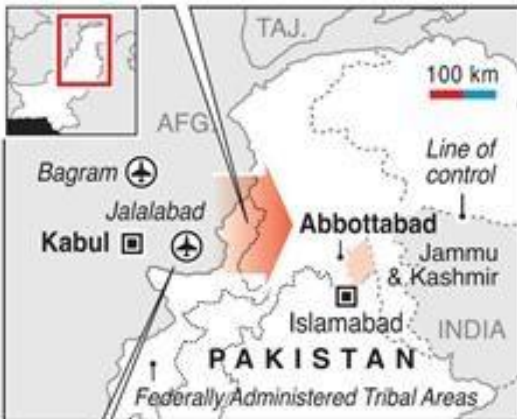
# Bin Laden Compound (2005)



# BIN LADEN KILLED

A U.S. strike team of about 15 special forces operatives, dropped by helicopter to bin Laden's hide-out near the Pakistani capital Islamabad under the cover of night, shot the al Qaeda leader to death on Sunday

**1** The U.S. strike team was based in Afghanistan and carried by helicopter to bin Laden's hide-out in Pakistan

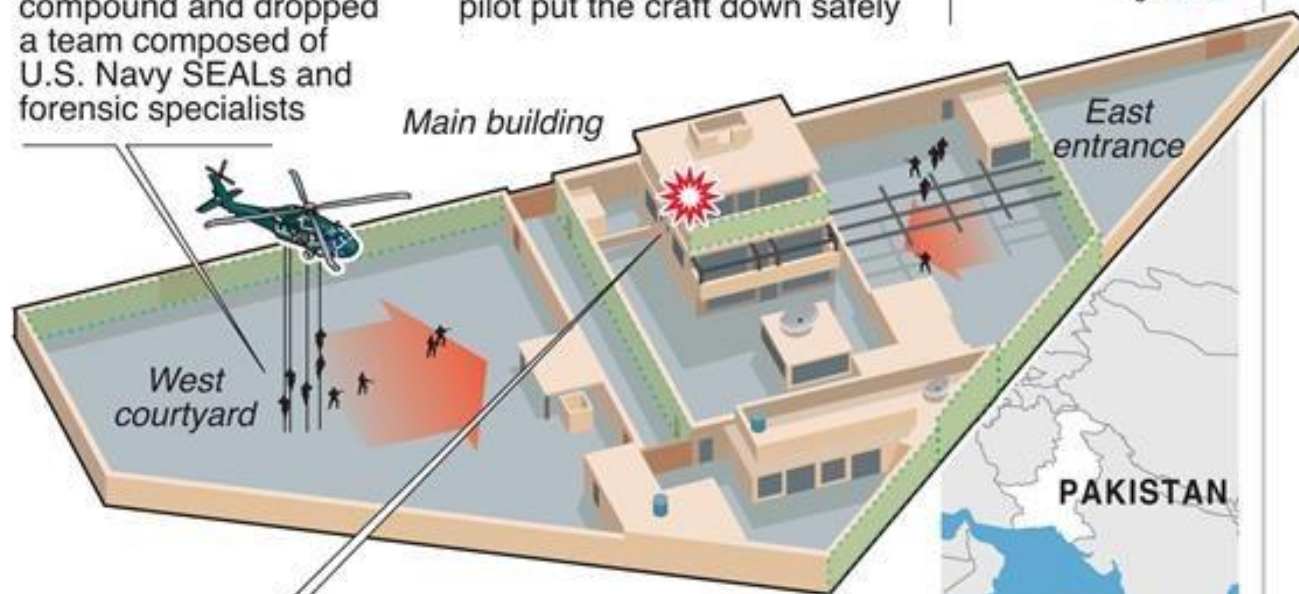


Team probably took off from Jalalabad or Bagram airbases

- ▶ A woman was killed in the raid, along with one of bin Laden's sons
- ▶ Bin Laden's wife, originally thought killed, was wounded

**2** Aircraft – three or four, according to different reports - attacked the compound and dropped a team composed of U.S. Navy SEALs and forensic specialists

**3** A MH-60 Black Hawk chopper was hit by a rocket-propelled grenade during the raid, but the pilot put the craft down safely



**4** The U.S. troops cleared the compound floor by floor during a 40-minute battle and finally shot dead bin Laden in the last unsecured room in the house

**5** Bin Laden's body was taken to Afghanistan and later buried at sea after Muslim funeral rites on a U.S. aircraft carrier, the Carl Vinson



Sources: Reuters, media reports, U.S. officials

# Cabinet Meeting



# Operation Neptune Spear

## May 1, 2011



“Geronimo: E-K.I.A.”

# Operation Neptune Spear



# US troops: withdrawal by end of 2016





# American Cost (05/23/2014)



American deaths:

**2,322**

American Monetary Cost:

**\$719 billion**

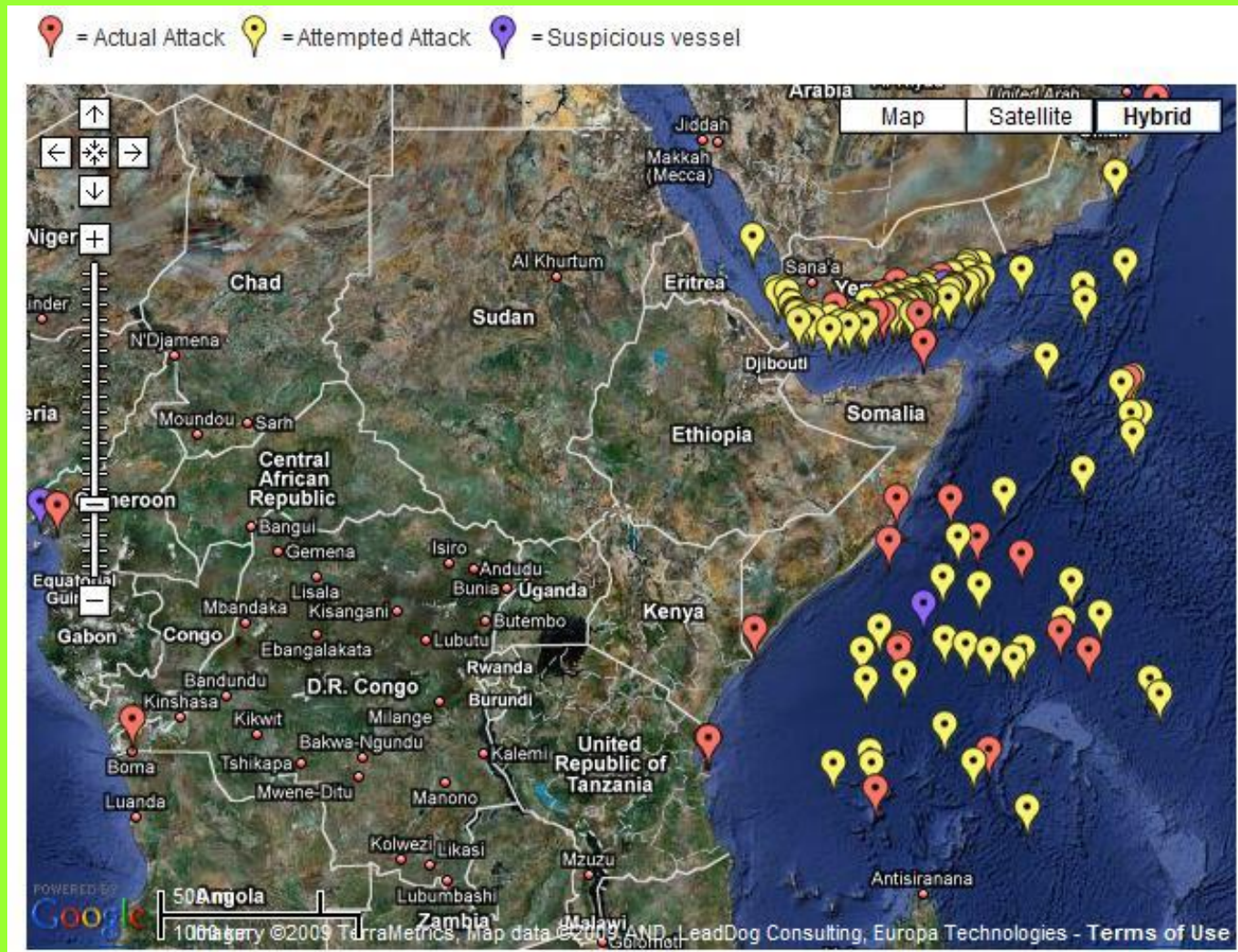
Sources:

[iCasualties.org](http://iCasualties.org) and [CostofWar.com](http://CostofWar.com)

# Afghanistan: The Longest US War (2001 - ????)



# Problem: Somali Pirates (2009)



# Who Are These Somali Pirates?



# Hijacking of the US Maersk Alabama April 8 – 12, 2009



# Problem: Lifeboat and Prisoner



# April 12: Snipers to the Rescue

- About 40 yards away
- Moving target
- At night
- Simultaneous Hit



# Rescue of Captain Phillips



This Sunday, April 12, 2009 photo released by the U.S. Navy, shows Maersk-Alabama Capt. Richard Phillips, right, standing alongside Cmdr. Frank Castellano, commanding officer of the USS Bainbridge, after being rescued by U.S. Naval Forces off the coast of Somalia. (AP Photo/U.S. Navy photo)



# Next Problem to Spring Up

## The Arab Spring (2010 - ????)



# Where did the Arab Spring start?



**Tunisia**



**Mohamed Bouazizi  
December 17, 2010  
Self-Immolation**

# Arab Spring in Libya



Muammar al-Gaddafi

# Gaddafi's Army attacked Libyan people



Would the world and the US respond?

# Operation Unified Protector

March 24 – October 31, 2011



NATO military enforced UN resolution

# Muammar Gaddafi Killed near Sirte October 20, 2011



# Muammar Gaddafi Killed October 20, 2011



NATO air strike near Sirte

# Attack on Benghazi Embassy, Libya

## September 11, 2012



- 4 Americans were killed



# Syrian Civil War



- over 160,000 deaths (since March 2011)

# Results of the Arab Spring



Tunisian  
Zine El Abidine  
Ben Ali  
(Jan 2011)



Egyptian  
Hosni Mubarak  
(Feb 2011)



Libyan  
Muammar Gaddafi  
(Oct 2011)

# What will be the US role in the Arab Spring?



# Obama: “Pivot” toward Asia (2011)



# What's Next

