

President Barack Obama



Secretary of State Clinton



New Travel Records

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

Secretary of Def. - Robert Gates



- From President Bush's Cabinet
- Entered a difficult time, i.e. wars and spending

Guantanamo Prison (X-Ray)



20 detainees arrived January 20, 2002

Guantanamo Naval Station



Executive Order #13492 (1/22/09)



Guantanamo Prison will close within 1 year

Obama in the Middle East



First Goal: End US Wars in the Middle East



Obama and Iraq



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



US forces will withdraw by December 2011

US Withdrawal from Iraq

December 18, 2011



SOFA Deadline: Dec 31, 2011

American Cost (11/2012)



Los Angeles Times / Luis Sinco v

American Deaths:

4,488

American Monetary
Cost:

\$804 billion

- 25% for security

Total Overall Cost of Iraq War (Pentagon)

\$2 Trillion

\$2,000,000,000,000

Obama Promised Withdrawal from Afghanistan



Troop Surge (February 2009)



17,000 Increase (98,000 Total)

General David Petraeus



Top US Counterinsurgency General

Where's Bin Laden?



- Trail went “cold” in 2005

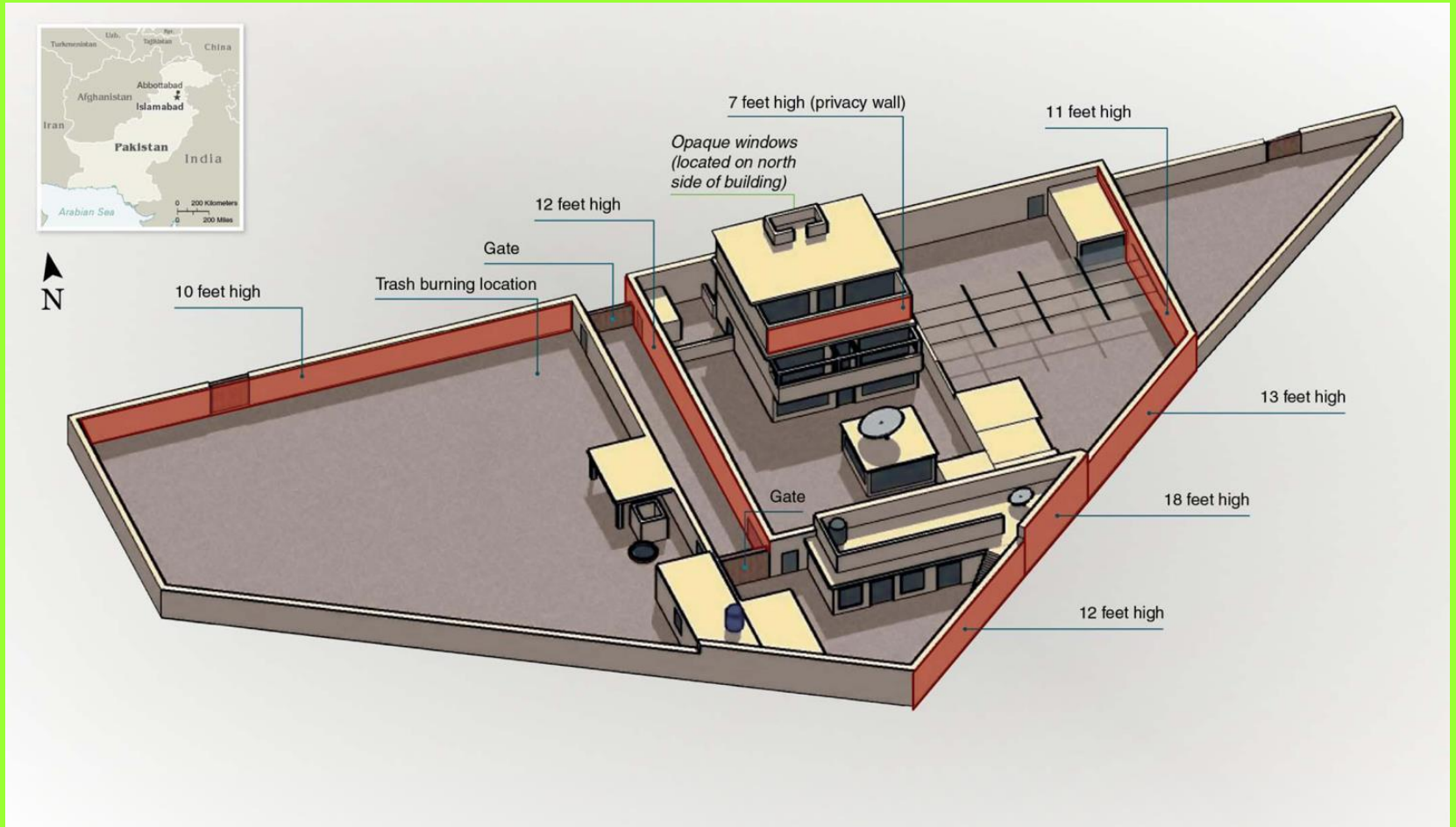
Abbottabad, Pakistan



Bin Laden Compound



Bin Laden Compound (2005)

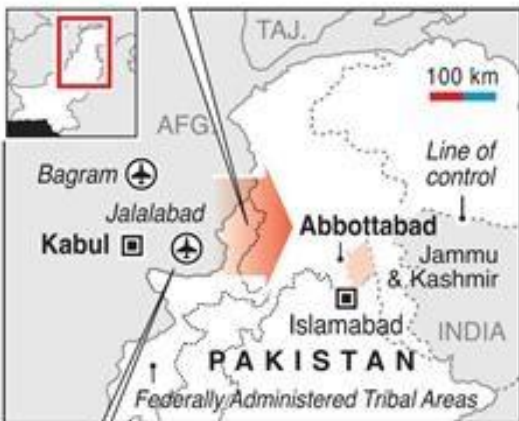


February 2011 – Raid Planning Started

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

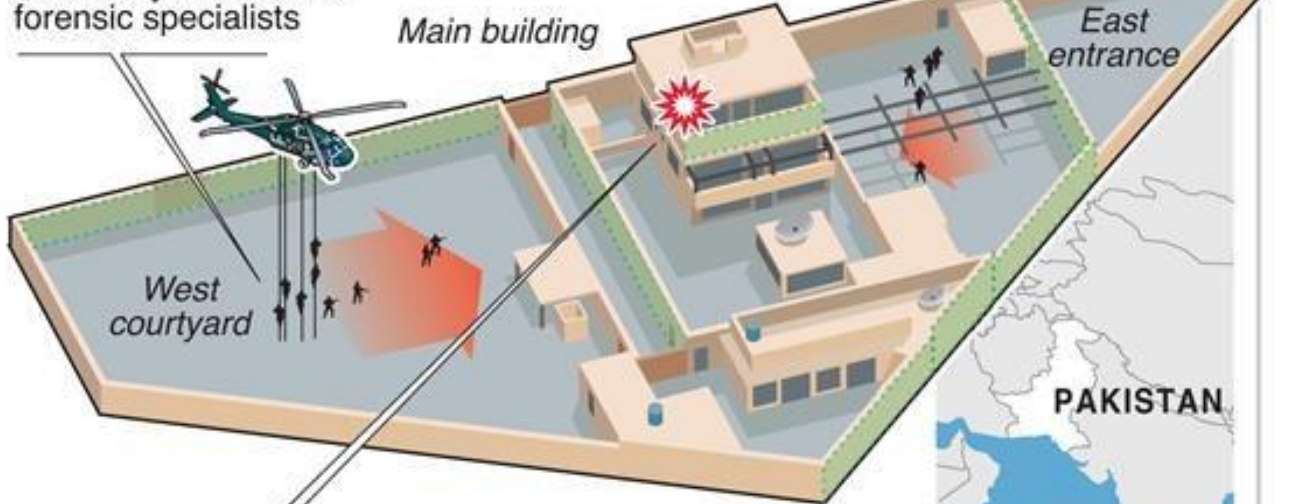
1 The U.S. strike team was based in Afghanistan and carried by helicopter to bin Laden's hide-out in Pakistan



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



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

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



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



<http://www.nbc.com/saturday-night-live/video/mermaid/1325765>

US troops will withdrawal by 2014



American Cost (07/04/2013)



- American deaths:
2,246
- American Monetary
Cost:
\$640 billion
- Sources: iCasualties.org
CostofWar.com

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



Hijacking of the 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



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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)

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.”



The Arab Spring (2010 - ????)



Tunisia



Mohamed Bouazizi
December 17, 2010
Self-Immolation

Libya and Muammar Gaddafi



Operation Unified Protector

March 24 – October 31, 2011



NATO military enforced UN resolution

Muammar Gaddafi Killed October 20, 2011



US Predator near Sirte

Attack on Benghazi Embassy, Libya

September 11, 2013



- 4 Americans were killed

Syrian Civil War



- over 70,000 deaths (since March 2011)

Washington Post 6/7/13)

What will be the US role in the Arab Spring?



Nuclear Disarmament



AP

New START Treaty

April 8, 2010



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

What's Next

