

05/02/11 - About time! :) R.I.H. Osama

I never thought it would affect me as much as it has but damn this feels good.

BIN LADEN KILLED BY U.S. FORCES IN PAKISTAN, OBAMA SAYS, DECLARING JUSTICE HAS BEEN DONE



As the leader of Al Qaeda, Osama bin Laden, here in video recorded in 2009, urged a terror war against the United States.

An Emblem of Evil in the U.S., an Icon to the Cause of Terror

By KATE ZELEVANSKI and MICHAEL LEWIS
Osama bin Laden, who was killed in Pakistan on Sunday, was a mix of the Saudi ultra-radical, violent campaign to restore a seventh-century Muslim kingdom and the founder of terrorism for the 21st century.

Long before he had become a hero in much of the Islamic world, he was a man in a suit — what a longtime ally of the U.S. called "the fourth star" of global terrorism. He had visited dozens of militant groups, from Egypt to Chechnya, from Yemen to the Philippines, under the banner of his al Qaeda organization and the ideal of a borderless brotherhood of radical Islam.



The twin towers in Lower Manhattan, a symbol of commerce, was transformed into a symbol of terrorism on Sept. 11, 2001.

He was often able to persuade a message to terrorists, world-wide," said Henry Kissinger, standing in Times Square with her husband, exchanging high fives. "They will be caught and they will have to pay for their actions. This can't mean with the United States for very long and get away with it."

For years after the Sept. 11 attacks, the name of Al Qaeda and the name of bin Laden spread in 21st-century political slang. Groups calling themselves Al Qaeda, or using in the name of its name, attacked American targets in Iraq, Somalia, Jordan, Iraq, and elsewhere. In 2009, he was the most prominent figure in the world.

bin Laden's religious doctrine — by far and declared war on America — was a small but deadly cult. bin Laden's death was a significant victory for the United States, and it was a significant victory for bin Laden, whose foreign policy has been the subject of persistent criticism by his critics.

Amid Cheers, a Message: 'They Will Be Caught'

By ELIZABETH HARRIS
In the midnight darkness, the crowds gathered, shouting and cheering, waving American flags outside the front gates of the White House. In Times Square, tourists poured out of nearby hotels and into the streets to celebrate with strangers.

bin Laden, for people who work peace around the world, and for all those who had lived under his terror since Sept. 11, 2001," said President George W. Bush in a statement. "The fight against terrorism goes on, but tonight America has sent an unmistakable message: No matter how long it takes, justice will be done."

Major Michael R. Bloomberg, whose city was the first of the U.S. to attack, said in a statement: "The killing of Osama bin Laden does not mean the suffering that New Yorkers and Americans experienced of his hands, but it is a critically important victory for America."

Qaeda Leader Reported Dead in 'Targeted Assault'

By PETER BAKER and HELENE COOPER
WASHINGTON — Osama bin Laden, the mastermind of the most devastating attack on American soil in modern times and the most hunted man in the world, was killed in a firefight with United States forces in Pakistan on Sunday, President Obama announced.



President Obama announced that Bin Laden was killed in a firefight earlier Sunday.

In a dramatic late-night appearance to the East Room of the White House, Mr. Obama declared that "justice has been done" as he disclosed that American military and CIA operatives had finally captured Mr. bin Laden, the Al Qaeda leader who had stalked them for nearly a decade, and shot him to death in a compound in Pakistan.

The death of Mr. bin Laden came nearly 10 years after Al Qaeda terrorists hijacked three American passenger jets and crashed them into the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon outside Washington. A fourth jet had crashed into countryside in Pennsylvania late Sunday night, as the president was speaking, cheering crowds gathered outside the gates of the White House shortly before midnight on word of Mr. bin Laden's death began trickling out, waving American flags, shouting in happiness and chanting "U.S.A., U.S.A." in New York City, some using the Star-Spangled Banner.

President's Vow Fulfilled

By JEFF ZELENY
WASHINGTON — President Obama's late night announcement from the White House that Osama bin Laden had been killed fulfilled not only a long-remembered promise to the United States, but also a significant victory for Mr. Obama, whose foreign policy has been the subject of persistent criticism by his critics.



A crowd outside the White House cheering Sunday night at the killing of Osama bin Laden.

INTERNATIONAL

Alban Defied Libya Policy
RICO officials defied the aggressive approach to Libya after the Obama administration said one teenage had killed four members of Col. Muammar of Qaddafi's family.

U.S. Aid to Pakistan Falters
Plans of cooperation and reconstruction have eroded \$1.1 billion in American aid aimed at rebuilding war-torn Pakistan, officials of both nations said.

Another Side of an Island Fish
Farmed tilapia is promoted as green health and the environment, but researchers say it has drawbacks.

NATIONAL



New Faces of Military Blogging
A gathering of people who blog about the military made clear how much has changed since soldiers began relating their experiences online. For one thing, the military is now on board.

SPORTS

Fight on Deficit Spending
With Congress returning on Monday, Democrats and Republicans generally agree that spending must be controlled, but remain divided on how.

Spell Checks Spell Out's Plans
The spell in the Gulf of Mexico is complete, calling Shell's ambitious plans to be put forth this week, to drill beneath Alaska's Arctic waters.

EDITORIAL: OF DEFENSE
Paul Krugman

ARTS

Heat Quickly Leads Goltes
Maverick's collection of stars, led by Eugene O'Neill and Lucille Ball, was right, outperformed the 'Soviet Union' as the Heat won Game 1 of their NBA conference.



NEW YORK

Clown Pans Fans Plead Sanity
The followers of Inanna Clowns Pans are striving to reason and demystify and show that they are not the newly popularly depicted in the group's controversial gay lyrics.

Seeking a Killer's Olfactory Trail
Suffolk County detectives looking for whether killed four protesters are pursuing leads on the Web.

