

## **TACTICAL DETAILS EMERGE ON BIN LADEN DEATH**

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The statement of U.S. President Barack Obama and sources in the Pentagon allow to begin to get a **clear picture of what happened in Pakistan.**

- Osama Bin Laden (OBL) was killed in **Abbottabad, 56 kilometers (35 miles) north of Islamabad**
- President Obama underlined that ***“our counterterrorism cooperation with Pakistan helped lead us to Bin Laden and the compound where he was hiding”***
- OBL, a part of his family and some close associates were hiding in a **very large house with heavy security, bodyguards and no communications means to avoid any electronic targeting.** The compound was **“8 times the size of the other houses in the suburb and was surrounded by a 12-15 foot wall lined with barbed wire and to security gates as entry points”**
- U.S. President was aware **“since August”** that Bin Laden was not hiding in the Western tribal areas (at the border with Afghanistan) but **deep in Pakistan and probably in or near Islamabad**
- For 8 months, U.S. intelligence, probably helped by some Pakistani intelligence, accumulated information on the place OBL was hiding and his exact status. Finally, **“last week” President OBAMA decided he had enough intelligence to order a strike**
- It is said that, in the final phase of the operation, the **U.S. team was led to the compound by two known “al Qaeda couriers”**
- **Two Special Forces helicopters carrying “a small team of Americans” were involved in the “40 minutes operation” on the**

**compound housing OBL. Bin Laden, one of his sons and two couriers were shot and killed**

- **The son killed with OBL is likely to be Hamza who joined al-Qaeda years ago**
- The president mentioned the action of CIA and it is likely that a CIA team participated in the action with the Special Forces
- After the fight, the US soldiers took custody of **OBL's body** to have the proof of his death
- It is said that **an helicopter crashed on the site and was destroyed by the Special Forces before leaving the place. No American was killed or wounded.**

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