

-#OTD 5 yrs ago, US military raid in #Abbottabad killed Usama Bin Ladin, America's most wanted terrorist

Abbottabad Compound, 2005



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-Success of mission was culmination of years of complex, thorough & highly advanced intel ops & analyses led by CIA w IC partners support.

-Late 2010, intel linked a courier to a compound in #Abbottabad, Pakistan. Compound & main house had security features unusual for area.

-Odd features:

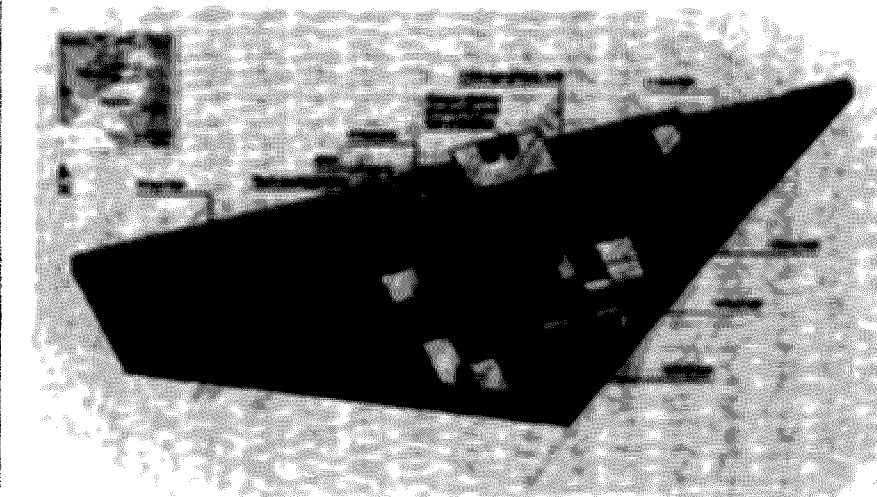
High walls with barbed wire

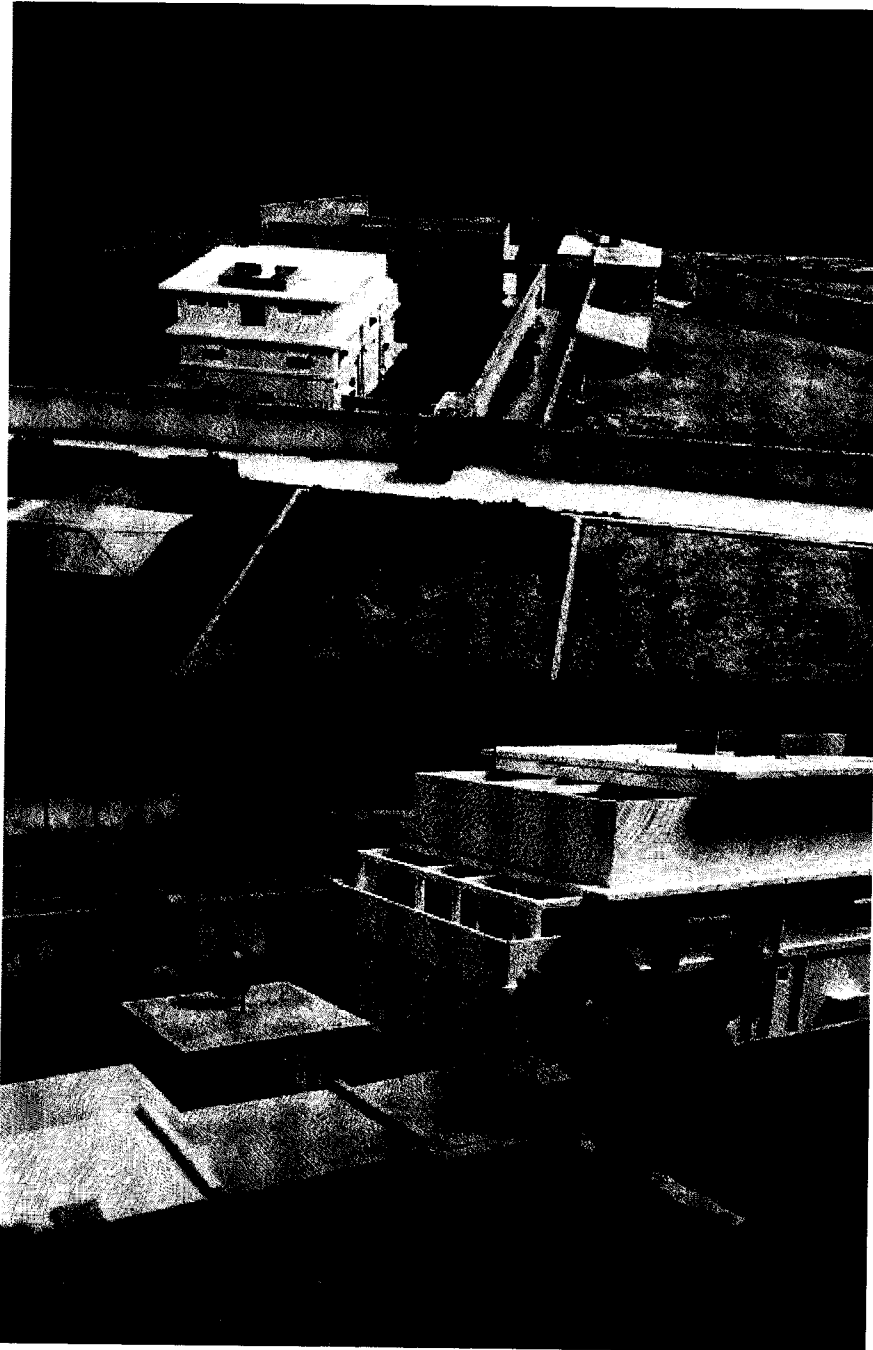
Double entry gates

No internet/phone connection

Trash was burned not collected

Illustration of Abbottabad Compound





-The small team surgical raid approach was chosen to minimize collateral damage & increase ability to confirm identity of Bin Ladin.

-Assault team trained on an exact life-size replica of compound w movable walls to prep for any internal layout they might encounter.

-The death of Usama Bin Ladin marked a significant victory in the US-led campaign to disrupt, dismantle, and defeat al-Qa`ida.

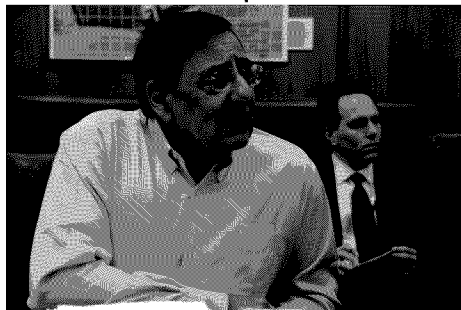
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-1:25 p.m. EDT — @POTUS, DCIA Panetta, & JSOC commander Admiral McRaven approve execution of the operation in #Abbottabad



-1:51 p.m. EDT — Helicopters depart from Afghanistan for #Abbottabad

-3:30 p.m. EDT — 2 helicopters descend on compound in #Abbottabad, Pakistan. 1 crashes, but assault continues without delay or injury

-3:32 p.m. EDT — @POTUS, in the Situation Room, receives up to the minute reports on the ground situation in #Abbottabad



-3:39 p.m. EDT — Usama Bin Ladin found on third floor and killed

-3:39 p.m. – 4:10 p.m. EDT – Assault Team retrieves large quantity of materials from compound for intelligence analysis

<http://1.usa.gov/1XZ0Jxl>

-3:53 p.m. EDT — @POTUS receives tentative confirmation of positive identification of Usama Bin Ladin

-3:55 p.m. EDT — Usama Bin Ladin body moved to the first floor & placed in a body bag

-4:05 p.m. EDT — First helicopter leaves the area

-4:08 p.m. EDT — Assault Team destroys crashed helicopter

-4:10 p.m. EDT — Backup helicopter picks up remaining team members & materials & leaves #Abbottabad

-5:53 p.m. EDT — Helicopters return to Afghanistan where Admiral McRaven greets team

-7:01 p.m. EDT — @POTUS receives confirmation of high probability of positive identification of Usama Bin Ladin

-11:35 p.m. EDT — @POTUS speaks to the nation from the East Room
Video of WH address

-“Today, at my direction, the United States launched a targeted operation against that compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan,” -@POTUS

-“A small team of Americans carried out the operation with extraordinary courage and capability. No Americans were harmed.” -@POTUS

-“They took care to avoid civilian casualties. After a firefight, they killed Osama bin Laden and took custody of his body.” -@POTUS

May 2 - EDT

-12:59 a.m. EDT — #UBL's body is buried at sea from the deck of the aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson in the north Arabian Sea

-The daring raid was a team effort within the IC & in close collaboration with our military partners.

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