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## **Operation Neptune Spear and the Manhunt (Implications for Pakistan United States Counter Terrorism Synergism 2001-2020)**

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### **ABSTRACT**

*The qualitative, descriptive & analytical study emphasis on the US military operation against Osama Bin Laden the founder of Al-Qaeda, who was killed on May 1, 2011 in Bilal town compound Abbottabad Pakistan, which was purchased by Abu Ahmad Al-Kuwaiti of \$50,000 during 2004-5. The former US president Bill Clinton had announced to arrest Bin Laden either live or dead in 1992. Clinton claimed that “the historic record of America does not confirm that it had even left off its foes. How the US administration stipulated a sum of \$ 250 million for various military & intelligence operations to persuade Osama Bin Laden since the US started war on terror against Al-Qaida & its associates as the major culprits of the devastating events of 9/11? The Clinton’s proclamation of killing Osama Bin Laden was practically executed during Obama’s regime on May 1, 2011. The US intelligence & security agencies used Black Hawks, Navy Seals including 79 Commandos and a dog called Cairo. The Operation Neptune Spear imprinted multi-faceted implications on Pakistan’s Socio-Political and economic environment and put its credibility at the stake of trust deficit in the context of Pakistan-United States working relationship fighting against terrorism during 2001-2020. The study examines how Pakistan had to face a severe internal and external criticism and cost along with a serious retaliation of the terrorist activities i.e. suicidal attacks in the post Abbottabad operation scenario?*

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### **An Overview of Bin Laden's Life**

Looking at the background and history of Osama bin Laden, it is believed that his name appeared on the world scene after the occurrence of terrorist attacks on the United States in September 2001. Osama bin Laden was born in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia on March 10, 1957. OBL was emerged as one of the third famous figure amongst the children of Muhammad bin Laden who was migrated from Yemen to Saudi Arabia. Osama was the 17<sup>th</sup> child of his father who enjoyed a privileged upbringing and childhood. Osama's father owned a distinguished construction firm in Saudi Arabia. A few of Osama's brothers adopted their father's profession and established the business across the Middle East. Contrary to his brothers OBL decided to stay home and went to school in Jeddah and preferred to become a zealot member of the Islamist brotherhood and learned Islam as a dynamical ideology more than a religion to spend life as the rightest Muslim. He joined college life in the late 1970's where he had been taught the socio political version of radical Islam and he got a firm believer and faith of Islamic brotherhood and learned the conception of Jihad. OBL was grown up as an ardent supporter and advocate of Pan-Islamism in the Middle East specific and throughout the world in general (Riedel, 2009).

#### **OBL's Radical Recruitment:**

Osama bin Laden along with Azzam reached to Peshawar the capital of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province of Pakistan bordering with Afghanistan to resist the Russian Troops invaded Afghanistan in December 1979. OBL and his associates were instigated and inspired as the freedom fighters to secure the geostrategic interests of the United States. The young generation of the Muslim Community was widely encouraged and tempted to become the part of Afghan Jihad in Afghanistan against the communist aggression. Consequently, Maktabul Khidmat (MAK) the recruiting organization of Muslim youth to serve the Ummah under an organized environment network. The MAK provided Jihadi Training, equipment, leadership, command and controlled system along with the warring weapons to its soldiers thus the Pan-Islamism and Jihad culture was put in practice by OBL and thousands of his associates from different parts of the world. (Bergen, 2012).

#### **The exponent of Al-Qaeda:**

OBL founded another organization known Al-Qaeda in 1988 to represent and conduct the representative acts of terrorism rather than to launch military campaigns in Saudi Arabia. He started Fund raising mission for Al-Qaeda on his return from Afghanistan in 1989. The establishment of Al-Qaeda and Bin Laden's Islamic movement was perceived as a threat and challenge by the pro-western royal kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The Saudi government rejected OBL offer to send Afghan Arabs soldiers to protect the border when Iraq invaded Kuwait in 1990. The Saudi administration also captured Bin Laden's passport and decided to seek military support from the United States to combat Iraq's aggression in Kuwait. OBL claimed that Al-Qaeda would be the master of the world rather than the supremacy of the United States. (Soherwordi, 2011). Primarily for the more fighters Al-Qaeda head decided to depart for Sudan an Islamic country. Afterward this radical association al-Qaida smash into a bomb exploded in a hotel in Aden, Yemen, that had boarded US soldiers who were on project of a peacekeeping in Somalia. That is the history of Osama bin Laden's, now he talks about the role of bin Laden's in 9/11 attack. At the time of attack Bush stated "the most important thing is for us to find Osama bin

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Laden.” He added “it is our no one priority and we will not rest until we find him. (Bush, 2001). Osama bin Laden went to Sudan in 1990 to recruit Islamiist militants who later on targeted the American Troops which were deployed on peace keeping mission in Somalia. The US president Bush expressed: “From the core of my heart I can talk about the man most wanted if he is still alive. All of we know he has hidden himself inside any cave but we hadn’t listen him for a long before”. (Bush, 2002)

### **OBL the Most Wanted Man:**

Since then the government of USA was too much alert and the search of Al-Qaeda head because, rendering to the government of USA bin Laden was such a fighter and personality who was commanding a large militant force within and the CIA agency of the USA had been searching bin Laden’s all over the world. The main focus of the CIA, before coming into power of Barrack Obama was to locate the presence of bin Laden’s., in which CIA had launched many plans. Barrack Obama when came into power was also a great opponent of bin Laden’s and Obama had always adopted strict and had plans for the arrest and killing of Osama bin Laden. Barrack Obama at several times expressed hid harsh policy towards bin Laden during the course of official statement as well as press conferences. Osama bin Laden went to Sudan in 1990 to recruit Islamiist militants who later on targeted the American Troops which were deployed on peace keeping mission in Somalia. The US president Bush expressed: “From the core of my heart I can talk about the man most wanted if he is still alive. All of we know he has hidden himself inside any cave but we hadn’t listen him for a long before” (Bush, 2002). President Barak Obama claimed “If OBL was located and Pakistani govt is unwilling and incapable to put him out, than we will have to react and take him out, we will crush Al-Qaeda and will kill Osama, it would be our the most priority of our National Security Policy” (Kessler, 2011).

### **Locating Bin Laden’s Presence**

The USA intelligence, however had always been vigilance regarding locating bin Laden’s in which the USA intelligence achieved success and bin Laden’s was located at Abbottabad in an urban area Pakistan. The USA intelligence agency succeeded in searching and locating the exact presence of bin Laden’s at Abbottabad Pakistan. (Dahl, 2014).

### **The Courier Identification**

The CIA had always been making repeated struggle for the identification of al-Qaeda courier. On the other hand, it was also in the knowledge of the USA intelligence Agency bin Laden’s was a very vigilant person who always remained carefully regarding his communication plan with the al-Qaeda prominent heads by these are though the USA intelligence had made certain interrogations from some of the al-Qaeda couriers and detainees, like wise Kunya Abu Ahmad AL Kuwaiti, Khalid sheikh Muhammad etc. in 2004 Hasan Gul one of the prisoner also disclosed. Some of the names of bin Laden’s courier who was named Abd al- Khalid Jan, but no perfect information was obtained in 2010 more information regarding identification of the exact courier of bin Laden’s was searched and the CIA then started interrogations from other prisoners namely Arshad and Tariq Khan. Bin Laden’s presence and the name of the couriers were however, kept in security till

the final operation on bin Laden's compound at Abbottabad Pakistan. (Cozine, 2013).

### **Operation Neptune Spear**

The world's most wanted man OBL was captured and killed in Pakistan's mountainous city Abbottabad (KPK) on May 1, 2011 by the American Navy Seals at mid night 1:00 am through the operation Geronimo carried by the US Central Intelligence agency led adventure. The special US Naval warfare group launched a concrete raid on OBL's Bilal Town compound in Abbottabad from Jalalabad Afghanistan. The operation Neptune Spear team took bin Laden's body to Afghanistan after the completion of task buried it at sea within 24 hours of his killing according to the moral and religious Islamic traditions. An Al-Qaeda website confirmed OBL's death and declared to take revenge of the killing on May 6, 2011. The associate group of Al-Qaeda Tehreek e Taliban Pakistan (TTP) also announced to inflict Pakistan and the United States for not preventing the conduct of Abbottabad operation. The Operation Neptune Spear was welcomed and supported by 90% of the American people along with the European Union, United Nations, NATO and several government leaders in the world. There were a few leaders like Ismail Haniyeh the head of Hamas Federal Castro of Cuba Showed concern of ethical and legal dimension of the killing of OBL, such why he was not taken alive despite unarmed. The Amnesty international raised the question that why the US did not release any DNA evidence and photograph of Osama bin Laden's death to the public, thus it becomes controversial. (Goraya, 2013)

### **The Bilal Town Compound Abbottabad**

The CIA was fully aware of the location of bin Laden's compound which was in fact three stories building constructed in 2004-5. In fact, this residence was traced in the Bilal town neighborhood of Abbottabad. It is 160 km far from the Afghanistan border. The CIA had in fact obtained full and complete information regarding his location of the compound and the CIA had also taken photographs of the entire building including security gate third floor balcony however, the compound had no internet and landline telephone service. The compound of bin Laden was renewed as Waziristan Havali. The inhabitants of the locality were of the view that the owner of the Land was Qazi Mahfooz ul Haq (Rawan, 2016). The CIA had also made access to each and every clue regarding bin Laden's complex as well as the roots and the inhabitant of the neighboring houses.

### **Intelligence Gathering**

The US Central Investigation Agency had been making efforts for collecting intelligence report about the day to day activities of Bin Laden and his family members. The CIA had also moved to contact the US legislature in 2010 to acquire permission and to allocate funds in order to make further developments for a successful operation in Abbottabad. The CIA had taken rented house at Abbottabad and also arranged the stay of a sub CIA team, thus in this way the American intelligence agencies have collected a sufficient knowledge and fundamental information about the pre-operation targets. (Miller, 2016).

### **Planning and final Decision**

The Obama administration through its persistent and scrupulous efforts made a final and complete planning to launch a decisive operation to hunt or kill Bin Laden the most wanted terrorist of the world. The services of the commander William H. McRaven of the joined special operation were obtained. President Obama was of the view that the Mission Oblige operation should be preceded quickly and gain fruitful results, thus the US administration reached at the point of final decision to conduct the operation Geronimo on May 1, 2011, against the most wanted terrorist of the world and the commander of Al-Qaeda an Islamic extremist global network. (Bergin, 2014).

### **Execution of the Operation approach & Entry**

A dog named Cairo, 79 Navy commandos and two black Hawks plane took part to conduct the operation Neptune Spear on May 1, 2011 at Bilal town compound the residence of OBL in Abbottabad Pakistan. The Cairo was trained with tracking anyone who tried to escape and to alert seal to any approaching Pakistani security forces". The US said team used dog Cairo to seek help against any ground reaction and response from Pakistan against the ongoing operation. The Cairo was also given task to indicate or locate any more hidden room or door in the complex. Moreover, a language analyst, the helicopter pilots, the tactical signals intelligence collectors, the dog handler and navigators using nighty classified hyper spectral images."

The operation was decided to be initiated at mid night in the moon light so the black hawks could fly and enter to Pakistan low to the ground and undetected. The aim was to use the helicopters to reach in the compound residence without coming on the radar and any intimation to Pakistani forces. The US Black Hacks reached to Abbottabad Pakistan from Jalalabad Afghanistan within 1 and half hours. (Marvin, 2011).

According to the mission plan, the first helicopter Black Hawk would hover over the compound's yard while its full team of SEALs fast-roped to the ground. At the same time, the other black Hawk would take on its flight towards the northeast side of the residence of OBL with the deployment of the detective dog, its master and four Navy seals to protect the border.it was declared that the team has to enter into the compound from the ground floor. The first black Hawk has to face a critical Air flow condition known as vortex ring State just by the beginning of Operation. The Tail rotor of the plane grazed the one wall of the complex. Resultantly the black Hawk was damaged and rolled from one side. The pilot tried his best to keep the nose of the helicopter from tipping over and buried. The Seals were not afraid whereas the pilot was wounded during the soft crash landing of the fighting Jet. The helicopter was landed at 45-degree angle resting against the wall. The next helicopter landed beyond the compound and the Seals broke the Wall to get inside Osama's house. They used explosives to breach the doors and walls of the complex. (Lele, 2011).

### **Killing of Osama bin Laden**

There was an encounter between the Seals and the People were living on the first floor of the building. The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floors were occupied by OBL and his family members. These stories were to be cleared by the operation team from the residents of Bilal town compound. According to the reports there were "small knots of

children on every level, including the balcony of Bin Laden's room.” There were AK-47 and Makarov machine pistols on a shelf in Osama’s bed room as his constant companions. He could not access to these weapons and nudged his head out to see what the upheaval was there. Osama bin Laden was instantaneously spotted by the SEALs. Amal the youngest wife of Bin Laden shouted something in Arabic language and threw herself in front of Bin Laden but Shot in the Calf by another SEAL. A double Tap of shots was dispatched to OBL where he did not show any resistance to the shooters. These Shots were fired on Osama’s left eye and chest. Resultantly Osama’s brain was splashed on the Sealing of the room and the floor near his bed was tarnished with blood. (Sherwell, 2011). The children and women were tied up with plastic hand cuffs and zip ties during the raid. After the raid was over, the US forces moved the surviving residents outside “for Pakistani forces to discover.” Amal Ahmed the wife of OBL abused and cried over the raider’s team in Arabic language, a piece of flying debris struck the foot of Safiyah the 12-year daughter of OBL. The body of four people who were killed during the operation taken by Pakistani forces and OBL’s body was wrapped up by the US forces after get him shot dead. (Soherwordi & Khattak, 2011).

### **The Wrapping up process**

According to the associated press report the operation was continued about 40 minutes but the killing of compound residents took just 15 minutes. However, each and every care was taken to secure the lives of women and children, who was in the compound of bin Laden’s. However, the seals had also discouraged the enlarge number of weapons. According to the U.S report the bin Laden’s body was buried and seed, because no country was ready to except his body, however the USA has consulted the Jeddah Administration to get approval of OBL’s burring in the Sea.

### **Pakistan U.S Communication:**

According to information that the Islamabad administration was not earlier informed and consulted about the communication of operation Geronimo until it was not conducted. However, Mr. Michael Mullen than the head of the joint chief staff of the United States talked to general Ashfaq Pervez Kayani COAS Pakistan of telephone at 3:00 am local time to inform him about the conduct of Abbottabad operation on the other hand Pakistan’s foreign office asserted that the operation was managed only by the American Troops (Perlez, 2011).

### **The Body Identification and Measurement:**

The American Seals team adopted applied a set of methods to recognize the physical status of Osama bin Laden corpse. The operation team did not possess any measurement tape to recognize the physical identification of OBL’s dead body. The Seals decided to measure the body by lying down beside Osama’s corpse to know his height. The measurement tape missing event causes a joke to president Obama later on “We donated a \$60 million helicopter to this operation. Could we not afford to buy a tape measure?”

### **The Face Recognition & in –person Empathy:**

An expert photographer each in CIA headquarter in Virginia and Langley transmitted by the Seals to identify the face of OBL through the facial recognition software. The photographer recognized face and body of OBL 90 to 95 % matched

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identical as with the real. The operation team vigorously got help from one of OBL'S wives of make sure of the recognition of his body when she was calling him by name during the conduct of operation. Thus it was an eventual support received by the US operational team from a women present in the compound.

### **The DNA testing:**

According to the reports of New York Times and associated press of the United States OBL's DNA test was matched with Tissues and blood samples of his sister who was passed away of Brain cancer. The news report of ABC stated as "Two samples were taken from bin Laden: one of these DNA samples was analyzed, and information was sent electronically back to Washington, D.C., from Bagram. Someone else from Afghanistan is physically bringing back a sample." A medical team of US Army used samples of the Buckle swabs and bone marrow of OBL's body for the completion of the DNA testing process. (New York Times, 2011).

### **The Local Accounts:**

There were sudden reports of the observer regarding the arrival of the USA helicopter, some of the residents of the Abbottabad and stated they had heard some voices and news in connection with the movement of the US forces. One of the residents of the Abbottabad sent a series of tweets describing the news of honoring over held, while on the other hand, sent that he had heard the news of shooting and explosion. A female and three male dead body were found to the SEALs after the finish shooting. The floor was dotted with the cost of blood which could reveal the indication of dragging the dead bodies through the floor out of the house. On the other hand, Pakistan top intelligence agency ISI reported that there were 17 to 18 people in the compound including OBL, his Wives and Children on the eve of the operation. There were 8 to 9 kids and a wife on OBL among the survival of Bilal town compound raid at mid night on May 1 and 2<sup>nd</sup> 2011. According to another narration of unnamed Pakistani security official declared that OBL was arrested and capture alive by the US SEALs told by one of OBL's daughters to the investigators of Pakistan. Afterward the US forces shot him dead and dishonored his body dragging through the compound to a Black Hawk Helicopter. (Rollins, 2011).

### **The Compound Residents:**

There were 22 persons in the Bilal town complex of OBL according to the official reports of the US Security agencies. Five of them were shot dead by the US SEALs including OBL. Whereas Pakistani Agencies and officials reported the number of survivors between 12 to 17. The Sunday Times revealed through its writing that the SEALs missed to collect the pictures and descriptions of the residents of compound. The Sunday Times guide contained the list of the adults Children of OBL with their families who were not present in the house during the operation Neptune Spear. These reports were also perceived weak due to lack of some supportable and thin information. The Sunday Times report identified Arshad Khan as the courier of 33 year age, Abrar 30 years, his Wife Bushra unknown age, Khairiah OBL's Saudi Wife age unknown, Um-Hamza 62 year bin Laden's 4 wife, Um-e Khalid 54 years, Amal bin Laden's 5<sup>th</sup> wife 29 years old along with 5 children including twin daughters, a son of 5 year, another son of unknown age and Safiyah daughter of 12c year, 4 OBL's Grandchildren, 4 children of Arshad Khan along with OBL himself the most wanted man of the World at the age of 54 years. (Kevin, 2012).

### **Implications on Pakistan:**

The operation Geronimo led Pakistan's credibility at the stake. Several American think tanks and officials believed that either Pakistani officials had the knowledge about bin Laden's whereabouts or Pakistan's intelligence agencies were incompetent in the search of al-Qaeda's top leadership. In the post Abbottabad operation scenario Pakistan has to deal a serious blow of its international image and perceptions as a partner in WOT. Pakistan's intelligence services and security forces came under a severe international criticism for not detecting the most wanted terrorists and intercepting a military raid in Pakistan's territorial jurisdiction. The director general of ISI and Chief of Army Staff in Pakistan had to face a severe interrogation for failure to prevent the intrusion of the US Black Hawks inside Pakistan's Territorial jurisdiction. Pakistan's security agencies tried to melt the public anger and aggression emphasizing on the external factor. The legislative assembly of Pakistan criticized the operation 'Neptune Spear' without the permission of Pakistan's government on its own soil. (Ahmad, 2012). On the other hand, country wide anti-American public demonstrations started with a threat for closing NATO supplies and information services. Furthermore, an exhaustive discussion related to the US engagement with Pakistan and was not pursued of Islamabad administration unawareness of Osama bin Laden's

existence in Pakistan, query of much ignorance and responsibility in the context of American future aid to Pakistan. Despite bilateral distrust the US administration got no alternate choice in the region to carry on its involvement with Pakistan in WOT. Although the United States had to face a severe criticism from various domestic circles of Pakistan but maintained positive posture and Senator John Kerry forwarded, "there was a need for a real demonstration of commitment fighting against the terrorists" and guaranteed the continuity of US economic assistance to Pakistan in future. (Ali, 2013).

### **Terrorist Attack on Mehran Naval Base:**

On May 22, 2011 the terrorists attacked on Pakistan's Mehran Naval Base near Karachi.

The terrorist incident resulted casualty of ten military soldiers and destroyed two American Navel petrol jets. Taliban claimed the charge of Mehran naval base attack as revenge against the killing of Osama bin Laden. The Mehran base incident brought Pakistan security forces under severe criticism and it also increased international doubt towards insecurity of Pakistan's nuclear installations. (Sanger, 2012).

### **The Salala Check Post Attack:**

Pakistan-United States relations faced critical phase on November 26, 2011 when the NATO led US helicopters attacked Salala check post and killed 24 Pakistani soldiers deployed at Salala check post near the Afghan border. Pakistan's Army representative Maj General Athar Abbas stated that "targeting Salala check post again by NATO helicopters when NATO was already informed about its first attack on this post was beyond comprehension". (Ahmad, Ali & Shah, 2017). Once again a severe criticism started from the government and public sectors against the cold-blooded assassination of Pak army soldiers. Islamabad decided to ask the US to vacate Shamsi airbase in Baluchistan which was being used for drone strikes



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against the suspected hideouts of the terrorists. Pakistan also suspended NATO supply transit facilities to the US led NATO forces in Afghanistan. Moreover, Pakistan didn't participate in Bonn Conference on Afghanistan as the reaction of Salala check post incident despite the mediation of Angela Merkel the German Chancellor. The prevailing situation downgraded cooperation between intelligence agencies of Pakistan and the United States. The Salala check post incident also accelerated controversial US drone strikes in the tribal areas of Pakistan. The Washington administration assured Pakistan to investigate the NATO helicopters attack on Salala check post but did not pay least attention towards drone attacks despite Pakistan's persistent protest. On the whole the Salala check post event heightened the element of distrust and conflict in Pakistan-US relations. A country wide debate started in the context of Pakistan-US relations especially in terms of Salala check post incident and Pakistan's suspension of NATO supply route facilities. (Sattar, 2013).

### **The Domestic public and political criticism:**

A hyper public criticism was heard in the socio-political circles of Pakistan. The Pakistan's Parliament also started condemnatory debates and speeches against the United States. The ruling political stake holders of Pakistan led by Pakistan People Party also joined voice with the other critics and demanded the review of Pakistan-US relations. The radical environment once again inflamed religious extremism and militancy in Pakistan. Pakistan's parliament adopted a consensus resolution 12 April 2012 including different policy perspective.

### **The Unites States Pakistan Trust deficit widened:**

The parliament of Pakistan decided to terminate the US aerial drone attacks, no covert operations shall be committed, restriction of private security contractors, Pakistan's soil will not be provided to any foreign basis, demand of apology from the American administration for 26/11 air strikes on the Salala check post, zero tolerance and no compromise on Pakistan's national security, solidarity and independence and the pursuance of gas pipeline project with Turkmenistan and Iran were the salient features of parliament's resolution. The American Supplies for the fighting forces in Afghanistan were decided to be carried out across the Caucasus, central Asia and Russia. (Saleem, 2011). Pakistan demanded of \$5,000 per truck as price-gouging. The US defense secretary Leone Panetta turned down Pakistan's demand of mark up and president Obama didn't agree to hold meeting with president Zardari at the Chicago summit in May 2012. On the other hand, the US congress warned Pakistan to impose sanctions over the US defense and economic assistance. A furious response and bilateral criticism on each another by the elected governments in Washington and Islamabad led the deterioration in mutual relationship. Both the states reached at the position of the most neurotic, mutually destructive "friendly" relations in the world. David Ignatius the editor of Washington Post wrote "the two countries seem to be sulking all the time, feeling unappreciated and ill-used. "The Washington administration had also developed a serious concern and doubt over the capacity of Pakistan's nuclear security system. The American confidence was shattered by the record of rogue sale of nuclear technology by the scientists like A. Q. Khan and the other factor of distrust was the presence of Osama bin Laden on Pakistan's territory, a major blow to the credibility of its intelligence agencies. Moreover, the terrorist attacks on Mehran naval air base

in Karachi in which two Orion surveillance airplanes were destroyed were the other reasons of US disbelief and reservations about the fall of nuclear weapons into the wrong hands. (Perkovich, 2013).

### **Conclusion**

The Operation Neptune spear can be cited as an important and astonishing development on May 1, 2011 in the dynamics of Pak-US relations. The most wanted man of the world Osama bin Laden the exponent's founder of Al-Qaeda was hunted and killed by the American Navel Seals belonging to a special Warfare group at 1:00 am Pakistan Standard time in the Bilal Town compound Abbottabad where OBL was found living his post retirement life. The US administration and its intelligence agencies got firm believe and reported about OBL's residence and living in Pakistan's city Abbottabad. The killing of OBL was declared by al-Qaeda on May 6, 2011 posted on its own website with the announcement of taking the revenge of OBL's death. The US Navel Seals led operation Neptune Spear was controlled and monitored by the Central intelligence agency of Americas and Pentagon office in New York under the supervision of Barak Obama. A large number of European governments, the United Nations and above 90 % of American people appreciated and evoked in favor of operation Neptune Spear. Almost 2/3 of Pakistan 's Population especially the rightest wing of Pakistan's Society . Ismail Haniyeh the chief of Hamas, Fedal Castro of Cuba and human rights watch raised finger on the moral and legal aspects of killing of OBL in Abbottabad operation. Why OBL has not been taken alive despite being unarmed is another question raised by other critics, including amnesty international. Another controversial question related to any photograph or DNA proof of the death of al-Qaeda chief to the people. The Neptune Spear operation was launched by the US Navy seals with the coordination of CIA after completing a compact and coherent homework. The compound of Bilal town was located through the courier identification which insured Bin Laden presence. The whole process was completed through an organized intelligence campaign, planning and under the right decision-making approach as well. The operation Geronimo led to Pakistan's credibility, being at stake. Pakistan had to deal with a serious blow to its international image and perceptions, as a partner in WOT in the post Abbottabad Scenario. A severe international criticism was launched against Pakistan's intelligence services and security forces for not detecting the most wanted terrorist who was residing in its territorial jurisdiction. The DGISI and COAS of Pakistan were severely interrogated for failure to perceive and interrupt the intrusion of the US Black Hawks. The Pakistan's Parliament Condemn and criticized the Operation Neptune spear, being conducted without the permission of Pakistan's government on its own soil. A country wide anti-American public agitation started with a threat for closing NATO supply and communication lines across Pakistan's border. Thus the operation Geronimo launched by the US security forces and intelligence agencies generated the element of miss perception and trust deficit between the United States and Pakistan in the post 9/11 environment and created ambiguous situation in respect of fighting war on terror in the region till the US withdrawal from Afghanistan in 2020.

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