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Statement from the U.S. Ambassador to the Netherlands
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As you all know, last night President Obama authorized a targeted, unilateral raid against a compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan. The operation met its objective: the death of Osama Bin Laden.

Bin Laden was a sworn enemy of the United States and a danger to all humanity. He was responsible for the deaths of thousands of innocents on 9/11 and through attacks on men, women and children of many nationalities and faiths- including Muslims. He was committed to killing many more in the United States, Pakistan and around the world.

The mission's success is a testament to the work that has been done by countless intelligence and counter-terrorism professionals across the government, and consistent with the President's long-standing commitment to take action against Osama Bin Laden.

This is by no means the end of our effort against al Qaeda. But it does signal that the United States will be relentless in pursuing al Qaeda's leaders, preventing terrorist attacks, and ensuring that justice is done.

This is a victory for all who seek to live in peace, security and dignity and will empower those around the world who seek to build – not destroy.