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Bin Laden reaction: Former Navy SEAL says **it was a 'perfect mission' and 'good kill'**

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The assault on Osama bin Laden's heavily fortified compound in Pakistan was a "classic SEAL mission" that ended in a "good kill," said former SEAL Eric Basu.

Basu, who said his information about the raid comes from the media, said it's clear that the SEAL helicopters came in low and fast to land in the high-walled compound, with enough personnel to swiftly overpower any defenders and search the entire compound.

"It was a big compound in an urban area, so you needed enough guys to watch out for booby traps and IEDs," said Basu, who was on active duty from 1989 to 1997 and then a reservist from 2001 to 2005.

That there were no U.S. casualties, and apparently no civilian casualties, shows that the painstakingly gathered intelligence was worth the wait, Basu said.

"This was a near-perfect mission," Basu said. "To secure that big a compound requires a very complete setup. It's when you go in not prepared that bad things happen."

And the impact on the SEALs, one of the smallest and most tight-knit of military communities?

"We're probably going to have a lot of high school graduates wanting to be SEALs," he said with a laugh.

The SEALs, he said, "are two-for-two": the killing of Bin Laden and the rescue of the U.S. merchant captain being held by Somali pirates in 2009 off the Horn of Africa. In that rescue, SEAL sharpshooters killed the three pirates just as they were threatening to kill the captain.