U.S. stealth helo suspected in bin Laden raid

Pictures of a wrecked U.S. helicopter downed during the operation that killed Osama bin Laden suggest that Navy SEAL teams used a secret stealth version of the MH-60 Blackhawk, Only the tail section of the mystery chopper survived after special forces blew it up during the raid



WHAT THE CRASHED HELICOPTER MAY HAVE LOOKED LIKE

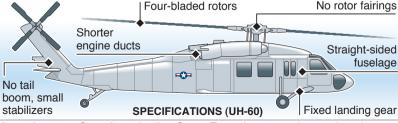
Rotors: Five blades instead of usual four would allow helicopter to fly more quietly



has stealth-shaped tail boom and dish-like fairings over rotor to cut radar signature

Retractable infra-red suppression paint COMPARISON WITH STANDARD BLACKHAWK

Finish: "Silver-loaded"



Crew: Two, plus 11 combat-equipped troops Speed: 295km/h Lenath: 20m Source: Aviation Week Picture: Associated Press © GRAPHIC NEWS