

# Worsening ties between U.S. and Pakistan

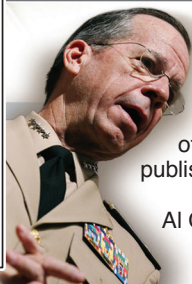
■ **May 2:** U.S. commandos stage covert raid that kills **Osama bin Laden** in garrison town of **Abbottabad**, leading to suspicion that **Pakistani security agents** knew where **Al Qaeda** chief was hiding



■ **May 14:** Pakistan parliament condemns raid, calling for review of U.S. ties and warning that Pakistan could cut supply lines to U.S. forces in Afghanistan if there are more such attacks

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■ **Jun 9:** CIA head **Leon Panetta** – now Secretary of Defence – visits Pakistan to urge continuation of critical intelligence operations



■ **Jul 8:** Top U.S. military chief **Adm. Mike Mullen** claims Islamabad sanctioned killing of journalist who had published articles linking Pakistan military to **Al Qaeda** – Islamabad rejects accusation

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■ **May 26:** Pentagon announces withdrawal of some troops after Islamabad requests U.S. scales back its contingent of 200 military advisors stationed in Pakistan

■ **Jul 10:** U.S. suspends \$800m of military aid to Pakistan

■ **Jul 12:** Pakistan defence minister threatens to withdraw troops from Afghan border if U.S. cuts aid

■ **May 27:** During visit to try to soothe relations Secretary of State **Hillary Clinton** says Islamabad must take decisive steps against terrorism

■ **Jul 14:** Pakistan intelligence chief **Ahmad Shuja Pasha** visits U.S. to try to rebuild strained relations

