

Last hours of IS leader al-Baghdadi



■ **May 2019:** Joint U.S., Turkish and Iraqi operation captures senior IS leaders. Under CIA interrogation they reveal **Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi's** location in jihadist controlled area of Syria's Idlib province

■ **Oct 24:** White House learns there is "high probability" that al-Baghdadi is at a compound near Barisha village

■ **Oct 25:** Military options are given to President **Donald Trump**

■ **Oct 26:** Trump administration assesses "actionable intelligence"

■ **17:00:** Trump enters Situation Room (*below*) to watch raid in real time via video link. Delta Force commandos in eight helicopters – mostly CH-47 Chinooks – take off from Al-Asad airbase in Iraq

■ **24:00:** Helicopters arrive at Barisha. U.S. special forces attack building. Al-Baghdadi flees into network of underground bunkers and tunnels

■ Pursued by U.S. forces and their dogs, al-Baghdadi ignites his suicide vest, killing himself and three children. Tunnel caves in on him

■ **Oct 27, 01:00:** Troops dig through debris to recover body parts. Technicians conduct onsite DNA test and positively identify al-Baghdadi

■ Troops remain in compound for two hours and recover material about Islamic State group

■ **03:00:** Troops leave. U.S. fighter jets fire six rockets at compound, levelling it

