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- Emails describe how Osama bin Laden's body was washed, wrapped in a white sheet and slid into the sea after religious remarks in Arabic
- Defense Department says it cannot find any images or videos of bin Laden's aboard USS Carl Vinson
- Pentagon failed to produce autopsy report, death certificate or results of DNA tests
- Military officials referred to bin Laden's body as 'package' in coded missives
- Release of emails mark first public disclosure of information about bin Laden's May 1, 2011 death

Internal emails among U.S. military officers indicate that no American sailors watched Osama bin Laden's burial at sea from the USS Carl Vinson, and traditional Islamic procedures were followed during the secret ceremony.

The emails, obtained by The Associated Press through the Freedom of Information Act, are heavily blacked out, but are the first public disclosure of government information about the al-Qaida leader's death. The emails were released Wednesday by the Defense Department.

Bin Laden was killed on May 1, 2011, by a Navy SEAL team that assaulted his compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan.

One email stamped secret and sent on May 2 by a senior Navy officer briefly describes how bin Laden's body was washed, wrapped in a white sheet, and then placed in a weighted bag.

According to another message from the Vinson's public affairs officer, only a small group of the ship's leadership was informed of the burial.

'Traditional procedures for Islamic burial was followed,' the May 2 email from Rear Adm. Charles Gaouette reads. 'The deceased's body was washed (ablution) then placed in a white sheet. The body was placed in a weighted bag.'

'A military officer read prepared religious remarks, which were translated into Arabic by a native speaker. After the words were complete, the body was placed on a prepared flat board, tipped up, whereupon the deceased's body slid into the sea.'



*Enemy No 1: Internal emails released by the Defense Department show that no U.S. sailors witnessed Osama bin Laden's burial at sea aboard USS Carl Vinson.*









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