

## Iranian Intelligence Minister Claims Bin Laden Was Dead Long Before U.S. Raid

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Iranian intelligence minister Heidar Moslehi recently announced that Osama bin Laden was dead before American Navy SEALs stormed his Abbottabad compound – and, what's more, he says his country can prove it.

Speaking at a cabinet meeting, Moslehi shared that Iran has "credible information that Bin Laden died some time ago of a disease." He then essentially called out the U.S. on its handling of bin Laden's death:

If the US military and intelligence apparatus have really arrested or killed Bin Laden, why don't they show him [his body]? Why have they thrown his corpse into the sea?

He also echoed criticisms currently being lobbed by those suspicious of the Obama administration, alleging that the White House is strategically using bin Laden's death as a distraction from having to discuss domestic issues like the economy and the "regional reawakening" in Moslehi's corner of the world.

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