Pakistan left out

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not a joint operation, a decade of cooperation and partnership between the United States and Pakistan led up to the elimination of Osama bin Laden as a continuing threat to the civilized world."

It was the first substantive public comment by any Pakistani civilian or military leader on the airborne raid by US special forces on bin Laden's compound in the early hours of Monday, reports Reuters.

Pakistan has faced enormous international scrutiny since bin Laden was killed, with questions over whether its military and intelligence agencies were too incompetent to catch him or knew all along where he was hiding.

White House counter terrorism chief John Brennan told a briefing that Pakistan was not informed of the raid until after all US aircraft were out of Pakistani airspace.

Senior US, Pakistani and Afghan officials later held a previously scheduled meeting in Islamabad to discuss the fight against militancy in Afghanistan and Pakistan but deflected questions about the bin Laden operation.

"Who did what is beside the point ... This issue of Osama bin Laden is history," Pakistani Foreign Secretary Salman Bashir told a joint news conference.

But irate US lawmakers earlier asked how it was possible for bin Laden to live in a populated area near a military training academy without anyone in authority knowing about it.

They said it was time to review aid to Pakistan. The US Congress has approved \$20 billion for Pakistan in direct aid and military reimbursements partly to help Islamabad fight militancy since bin Laden masterminded the September 11, 2001 attacks.

"Our government is in fiscal distress. To make contributions to a country that isn't going to be fully supportive is a problem for many," said Senate Intelligence Committee Chair Dianne Feinstein.

Even John Brennan said it was "inconceivable" that bin Laden did not enjoy a support network in Pakistan.

The White House acknowledged there was good reason for US lawmak-Pakistan's cooperation against al Qaeda, to demand to know whether bin Laden had been "hiding in plain sight" and to raise questions about US aid to Islamabad.

"Certainly his location

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there outside of the capital raises questions. We are talking to the Pakistanis about this," said Brennan, adding it was "inconceivable that bin Laden did not have a support system in the country that allowed him to remain there for an extended period of time."

"The failure of Pakistan to detect the presence of the world's most-wanted man here is shocking," the daily News said in an editorial, reflecting the general tone in the media.

Zardari has made no address to the people of a country where anti-American sentiment runs high, prompting one Twitter user to tweet: "Most wanted man is killed on Pakistani soil and the Pres doesn't address his people, instead writes an op-ed for USA."

Also yesterday, reports AFP, French Foreign Minister Alain Juppe said the fact that Osama bin Laden went completely unnoticed before he was killed shows that Pakistan's position on the Al-Qaeda leader has lacked clarity.

British Prime Minister David Cameron, however, said the West must not spark a row with Pakistan although Islamabad has plenty of questions to answer over Osama bin Laden. INTELLIGENCE FAILURE

Pakistan's main intelligence agency, the ISI, has said it is embarrassed by its failures on al-Qaeda leader Osama Bin Laden.

An ISI official told the BBC the compound in Abbottabad where Bin Laden was killed by US forces on Sunday had been raided in 2003.

But the compound "was not on our radar" since then, the official said. The compound is just a few hundred metres from the Pak Military Academy.

Bin Laden's surviving Yemeni wife said they had moved to the compound a few months ago, according to the ISI official.

The official added the CIA had not had any luck finding bin Laden for 10 years either. "Had we known where he was, we would have gotten him ourselves," the official said. LADEN'S WIFE, KIDS IN

PAKCUSTODY

A senior Pakistani intelligence official said yesterday Laden's daughters had seen her father being shot dead by US forces, and was one of about 10 relatives of the al-Qaeda leader in custody

pending interrogation. The official, who declined

to be identified, said the daughter, aged 12 or 13, was one of the people who had confirmed that the mastermind of the September 11 2001 attacks had been killed by US commandos.

The relatives -- one of bin Laden's wives and up to eight children -- will be interrogated and then probably turned over to their countries of origin, and not the United States, in accordance with Pakistani law, he said.

The official said the wife and children were left behind after an American transport helicopter, possibly an MH-60 Sea Hawk, was abandoned because of mechanical problems.

He said there was not enough room for the group on the other helicopters, which were transporting bin Laden's body, other male captives and the commandos.

'GERONIMO'

Americans clamoured for details about the secret US military mission.

A small US strike team, dropped into bin Laden's heavily fortified hideout under the cover of night, shot the al Qaeda leader to death. He did not return fire and was shot above his left eye, blowing away a section of his skull, and was also shot in the chest. President Barack Obama

and his staff followed the raid minute-by-minute via a live video feed in the White House situation room According to Mr Brennan, "The minutes passed like

And there was relief when the commandos, including members of the elite Navy SEALs, stormed the compound. CIA director Leon Panetta

narrated via a video screen from a separate Washington office, with Bin Laden given the code name Geronimo.

Mr Panetta's narration lasted several minutes. "They've reached the target... We have a visual on Geronimo... Geronimo EKIA (enemy killed in action)."

Mr Obama said: "We got

Bin Laden, his son Khalid trusted personal courier Sheikh Abu Ahmed and the courier's brother were all killed, along with an unidentified woman.

The BBC's Andrew North in Washington says the ers, already doubtful of that one of Osama bin White House is still discussing whether to release a video that was made of Bin Laden's burial from an aircraft carrier in the Arabian Sea, which some Islamic scholars have said did not conform with tradition.

Scamsters out

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A Bangladesh Bank (BB) investigation in 2000 raised allegations of various financial irregularities including corruption, violation of company laws and misappropriation of fund against him and the institution he headed.

The probe report also mentioned of his meeting abroad with the killers of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. The probe committee then recommended for his removal from the institution. However, thanks to the

move by a section of the government, the Banking Division asked the central bank to inform if there is any allegation against him. On Monday, the BB for-

warded its 2000 report to the Banking Division, and upon receiving the report the move for his appointment was stalled, sources said. Reliable government sources say those who took

ulating the capital market, lobbied with the government high-ups to get persons of their liking placed at the helm of the SEC. In another development,

undue advantage by manip-

the Banking Division yesterday advised SEC member Yasin Ali to resign. The Banking Division secretary conveyed him of the government wish over a cup of tea, sources said.

When the market was on the bullish trend last year and the manipulators were getting different decisions from SEC by influencing some officials, a small group within the market regulator including Yasin opposed it.

In a number of SEC board meetings in 2009 and 2010, he gave note of dissent, which prompted some dishonest officials to label him as a "note of dissent member".

The Ibrahim Khaled-led probe committee in its report on the stockmarket debacle mentioned names of some top SEC officials saying the scamsters succeeded in manipulating the share market due to their failure.

The government has yet to take any actions against those officials.

Those scamsters are now out to remove the SEC members who were not involved in any irregularities, a member of the committee said in return for anonymity. Now, in the name of

recasting, the government has decided to punish innocent members, he said, adding that it will discourage the honest people.

Grameen Bank counters

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a statutory public authority and that Prof Yunus and his colleagues are "public servants", the statement said Grameen is not a government bank. It is a specialised bank created to serve rural people.

The bank said the government's paid-up share of capital is now 3.3 percent and the remaining 96.7 percent belongs to borrowers. Hence, there is no scope for classifying the micro-lending agency as a government bank.

"As Grameen is not a government bank, the managing director and his colleagues are not public servants either," the statement said. It also refuted allegations

of tendency of not following

the rules and regulations of

Grameen as baseless. It said since the bank's inception, it has implemented all its programmes by following the provision laid out in its ordinance. In reply to the claim that there has been no regulator

for Grameen since its inception, the micro-lending agency said the Bangladesh Bank has been exercising its power of inspection over Grameen since 1997. The statement said there

could not be any question of creating associated companies beyond the authority of Grameen Bank Ordinance,

as the microfinance bank has not created any single company at all.

"Grameen Bank is not owner of any company. It does not own shares in any company. It does not control any other organisation."

The statement said the review committee was under the impression that all the companies with Grameen name and with which Prof Yunus is affiliated are legally connected to Grameen Bank. "This is completely inaccu-

rate. 'Grameen' is not a registered trade name or trade mark. There is no reason to assume that an organisation carrying the 'Grameen' name would be legally connected to Grameen Bank."

"There may be business and financial relationships between Grameen companies. However, there is no legal institutional link between Grameen Bank and these companies."

The statement countered the suggestions to dissolve some of these companies, which are registered under company law as independent companies, and convert them to departments of Grameen Bank. "Grameen does not have the legal authority to undertake such step." It also said Grameen has not

transferred funds to sister

organisations without the legal authority to do so. "All fund transfers took place in line with agreements between the government of Bangladesh

and donor agencies." On the Packages Corporation Ltd issue, the bank said Prof Yunus' family-run printing business was handed over to Grameen for its use, under a management agreement, to ensure smooth supply of printed materials. The ordinance also allowed it.

"Under the terms of the agreement, the owners have not been benefited financially or in any other way."

The statement said Packages Corporation was given loans provided by donors with their consent to increase its capacity and efficiency. The funds had been paid back with interest. On the allegation of renting

floor of Grameen Bank headquarters to Prof Yunus at a nominal rate, the microlending agency said it leased the floor to Prof Yunus for a period of 24 years to help promote the work and philosophy of the Nobel Laureate at home and abroad.

The statement admitted that there might be shortcomings in Grameen's innovative creations, but there was never any intention or tendency to break the law.

Six charged with murder **FROM PAGE 20**

ship with Kawsar.

CID Inspector Muhidur Rahman Khan, also the investigation officer (IO) of the case, told The Daily Star the trial of the case will be held under the Divisional Speedy Trial Tribunal.

A total of 102 people had been made prosecution witnesses in the case, the IO

However, the names of four Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) men--Jamal Ahmed alias Kala Jamal, Dulal Ahmed, Ataul Gani Umon--who were arrested just after the incident, had been dropped from the charge sheet, the IO added.

Earlier, the families of the JCD men at press conferences blamed police for falsely implicating and torturing them at jail in connection with the murder.

The JCD men were later granted bail from a court after Rab caught the real culprits.

As the CID did not find the involvement of JCD men with the murder, their names had been dropped, IO Muhidur Rahman said.

Meanwhile, Prof Harun's wife Afroza Harun in an instant reaction told The

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Daily Star "We reject the charge sheet filed by the CID." She claimed that all were done to save the real culprits.

"We want fresh investigation by a senior official," she added.

Earlier, disappointed with police's alleged bid to implicate innocent people in the case, Afroza appealed to the inspector general of police (IGP) and the home minister for a proper enquiry and actions against the killers.

College teachers countrywide also took to the streets demanding justice.

The case was then transferred to the Detective Branch of police, which too could not make any significant progress in the investigation. Afroza again approached the police headquarters, IGP and the home minister for "proper investigation". The case was then assigned to CID.

On March 28 last year, the Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested five people including Munni and Lipi. The girls gave description of the murder as they witnessed the incident from Prof Harun's house. They were there to receive private tuition.

Munni, Lipi, Russel, Alimul and Lokman were placed on a three-day remand on March 30.

The judicial magistrate of Sylhet on April 1 recorded Munni's confessional statement under section 164.

In her statement, Munni narrated how her boyfriend Kawsar and his friends Russel and Alimul beat up and stabbed Prof Harun. According to Munni, Kawsar did it because the teacher rebuked him [Kawsar] for his relationship with her.

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COMPANY SECRETARY

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- Should ideally have a CA/ACCA/CMA/MBA/Masters in Accounting/LLM with minimum one first class/division and no third class/division in any other examinations. ICSMB qualification will be an advantage. Should have at least 4 years of work experience as Company Secretary with
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- preparing notice, minutes, Directors' reports etc.; and knowledge on dealing with various regulatory authorities e.g. SEC, RJSC, Bangladesh Bank. Should have strong written and oral communication skills in English.
- Should be able to work unsupervised and should have the mindset to work in a
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Mohammad Muslim Chowdhury

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Emergency 2007 Cyclone Recovery and Restoration Project, Bangladesh (Component A) Invitation for Expression of Interest (EOI) for Selection of NGO for Identification of Beneficiaries, Delivery of Inputs and Conduct of Farmer

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2007 Cyclone Recovery and Restoration Project (ECRRP-Component A), and it intends to apply part of the proceeds

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