



# Trump says Islamic State's Baghdadi 'died like a dog'

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Islamic State leader Anu Bakr al Baghdadi died cowering in a tunnel, U.S. President Donald Trump said on Sunday, adding that he was identified via DNA testing.

U.S. PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP, SAYING:

"Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi is dead"

1. The leader of Islamic State has been killed in a U.S. military operation, President Donald Trump announced on Sunday (October 27).

U.S. PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP, SAYING:

"He died like a dog. He died like a coward. The world is now a much safer place."

2. Trump said Baghdadi had dragged three of his children into a tunnel as U.S. forces closed in.

3. There he detonated an explosive vest.

4. His body was identified by DNA 15 minutes after he was killed.

5. The offensive reportedly took place after midnight in Barisha, a village in Syria's northwestern Idlib province near the Turkish border .

6. This eyewitness says he woke to the sound of planes and went outside, where he was confronted by soldiers who told him to get on the ground and handcuffed him.

7. Trump hinted that something was afoot late on Saturday (October 26) tweeting: "something very big has just happened".

8. He's faced withering criticism for his withdrawal of U.S. troops from northeastern Syria which allowed Turkey to attack America's Kurdish allies.

9. Many critics had expressed concerns that the withdrawal could lead the Islamic State militancy to regain strength, but the announcement about Baghdadi's death may help blunt those worries.

U.S. PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP, SAYING:

"Baghdad's demise demonstrates America's relentless pursuit of terrorist leaders and our commitment to the enduring and total defeat of ISIS and other terrorist organizations."

10. On Sunday Trump thanked other countries for their role - naming Russia, Turkey, Syria and Iraq as well as the Syrian Kurds for the support they had given.