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WASHINGTON (AP) - A senior Obama administration official says al-Qaida No. 2 leader, Atiyah Abd al-Rahman, has been killed in Pakistan.

Al-Rahman was a Libyan national who was considered al-Qaida's operational leader before rising to the No. 2 spot following Osama bin Laden's death in May.

Al-Rahman's death is a big blow to the terrorist group and comes as U.S. officials have said in the aftermath of bin Laden's killing that a few more high-profile deaths could break al-Qaida's back.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive intelligence operations, says al-Rahman was killed Aug. 22 in the Pakistani tribal region of Waziristan. That's the same day a US drone strike in Waziristan.

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