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CHARSADDA (Reuters) - Military and intelligence chiefs gave parliament a closed-door briefing in which the head of the main Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) agency told legislators he was ready to take responsibility for any criminal failing, a minister said.

"If any of our responsibility is determined and any gap identified, that our negligence was criminal negligence, and there was an intentional failure, then we are ready to face any consequences," Information Minister Firdous Ashiq Awan told Express TV, citing ISI chief Lieutenant-General Ahmad Shuja Pasha.

Another member of parliament said Pasha told the assembly he did not want to "hang around" if parliament deemed him responsible. "I am ready to resign," Riaz Fatyana quoted the ISI chief as saying.

Pasha also said killing bin Laden was a common U.S.-Pakistani goal but the Americans had breached Pakistan's sovereignty by going after him on their own.

The U.S. raid had taken 40 minutes and the Americans had used superior technology including stealth helicopters which Pakistan could not detect, the minister said.

The spy chief also told parliament bin Laden had been isolated and "living like a dead man", the minister said.

"We had already killed all his allies and so we had killed him even before he was dead. He was living like a dead man," Awan cited Pasha as saying.

Parliament later adopted a resolution condemning the U.S. attack and calling for a review of ties with Washington and an independent commission to investigate the whole affair.

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