

# Officials: No protests before Benghazi attack

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has the latest on the Benghazi timeline, which has a stark discrepancy from the initial description of events offered by some Obama administration officials and that was presented for over nine days after the attack:

“ The biggest difference was a clear statement that **there were no protests before the attack**. Also it was revealed that former Navy SEALs Glen Doherty and Tyrone Woods died from a mortar attack and that officials still do not know how Stevens, who was suffering from severe smoke inhalation, made it from the compound to the hospital.

The officials gave a vivid narrative of the events of the night, painting a picture of exactly what the compound looked like...

...On Sept. 11, [slain Ambassador Chris] **Stevens did not leave the compound because of security fears due to the 9/11 anniversary**. He had arrived in Benghazi the day before with five guards in total. **Two additional Diplomatic Security agents from Tripoli were with him in addition to the three agents normally detailed to the compound.**

Though some administration officials had initially said that the attack grew out of protests over an anti-Muslim film, the **senior State Department official told reporters today that "nothing was out of the ordinary" on the night of the attack.**

State officials also made clear that they were not the ones who reached a "conclusion" about a protest being the causal, or preceding, event before the violence that claimed Stevens and three other U.S. diplomats' lives.

The new revelations surrounding what happened — including security around the diplomatic compound and the Obama administration's ultimate declaration nine days after the attack that it was a "self-evident" terror act — will be the subject of a congressional hearing Wednesday morning.

There has been a lot said about President Obama's poor performance last week, including the sense from Democrats that it went as poorly for him as it could have. But the fact that he didn't get asked about Libya and the administration's versions of events actually was a reprieve — and not one he is likely to get at next week's debate at Hofstra University in New York.