

“Every one of these dead non-combatants represents an alienated family, a new revenge feud, and more recruits for a militant movement that has grown exponentially even as drone strikes have increased.”

– David Kilcullen (Counterinsurgency Expert) Center for New American Security

PROTEST DRONE ATTACKS



MQ-9 "Reaper" UAV

**CIA HEADQUARTERS – LANGLEY, VIRGINIA
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HADI JAWAD, KATHY KELLY, BRUCE GAGNON AND
JOSHUA SMITH (TECHNICAL BRIEFING). MUSIC BY DAVID ROVICS.**

What is a "drone"?

An unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV; also known as a remotely operated aircraft) is an aircraft that flies without a human crew. Their largest uses are in military applications. To distinguish UAVs from missiles, a UAV is defined as a reusable, uncrewed vehicle capable of controlled, sustained, level flight and powered by a jet or reciprocating engine.

What's wrong with "drones"?

A UN human rights watchdog has some strong misgivings about the CIA drone attacks on suspected terrorists in Pakistan that have killed six hundred people since last year. "Extralegal executions" are a violation of international law, says Philip Alston. "*These Predators [Drones] are being operated in a framework which may well violate inter-national humanitarian law and international human rights law,*" he says.

The weapon of a "drone."

The most common missile carried by the MQ-9 "Reaper" UAV is the AGM-114R Hellfire II missile. The name Hellfire comes from its original intention as a helicopter-launched fire-and-forget weapon (HELicopter FIRE-and-forget).



What's the future of "drones"?

In an unclassified military report titled **United States Air Force Unmanned Aircraft Systems Flight Plan 2009-2047** (May 18, 2009) references are made to robots making the choice to fire weapons without explicit human direction. *One very notable passage says that autonomous unmanned aerial vehicles could launch nuclear strikes.*

THE DRONE ARENAL



Predator A (MQ-1)
(General Atomics)



Predator B (MQ-9)
"Reaper"
(General Atomics)



Predator C "Avenger"
(General Atomics)



RQ-4 "Global Hawk"
(Northrop Grumman)



RQ-170 "Sentinel"
(Lockheed Martin)



X-45C (Boeing)



X-47
(Northrop Grumman)

CNN REPORTS

DRONES REVOLUTIONIZED THE FACE OF WARFARE

Nic Robertson – CNN – July 27, 2009

Now U.S. Secretary of Defense Robert Gates wants more UAVs. Already he has said that the next generation of fighter planes – the F-35 that took decades to develop at a cost of more than half a billion dollars each – will be the last manned fighter aircraft.

WHITE HOUSE EXPANDING CIA DRONE PROGRAM IN PAKISTAN

Pam Benson – CNN – December 4, 2009

The White House has now authorized an expansion of the CIA's program to attack suspected al Qaeda and Taliban operatives in Pakistan along the Pakistan-Afghanistan border with missiles shot from pilotless planes, a U.S. official confirms.

WIRED REPORTS

UP TO 320 CIVILIANS KILLED IN PAKISTAN DRONE WAR

Noah Shachtman – WIRED – October 19, 2009
How many civilians have been killed in the U.S. drone war in Pakistan? The number could be as high as 320 innocents, according to an analysis released today by the New America Foundation. That's about a third of the 1,000 or so people slain in the robotic aircraft attacks since 2006.

THE CIVILIAN DEATHS CONTINUE:

- CIA drone operators lack the "superb intel" needed to prevent civilian casualties, but are firing their weapons anyway, *causing them to kill ten times as many civilians as suspected terrorists.*

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