

At Least 12 Killed in U.S. Drone Strike in Eastern Afghanistan



Kabul, November 16 (RHC)-- Afghan authorities say at least twelve people have lost their lives in a U.S. drone strike in the Asian country's troubled eastern province of Nangarhar.

According to officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, the aerial attack took place in the Khogyani district of the province, which is located 120 kilometers east of the Afghan capital, Kabul, late on Saturday, and that all those killed in the assault were members of an anti-government militant group. There were reportedly foreign nationals among the slain terrorists.

The development came only five days after a drone strike against Lal Pur district in Nangarhar Province, situated over 150 kilometers east of the capital, Kabul, left five people dead and two others injured.

In a similar incident, Afghan authorities said 15 members of Pakistan-based Tehrik-i-Taliban militant group were killed after a US drone hit Gomal district in Afghanistan's southeastern province of Paktika.

The CIA spy agency regularly uses drones for airstrikes and spying missions in Afghanistan as well as Pakistan's northwestern tribal belt near the Afghan border. And Washington has also been conducting targeted killings through remotely-controlled armed drones in Somalia and Yemen.



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