

U.S. Drone Strike Kills Two in Eastern Afghanistan



Kabul, December 30 (RHC)-- Afghan authorities say at least two people have lost their lives in a U.S. drone strike in the country's eastern province of Laghman. A spokesman for the provincial governor said on Wednesday that the aerial attack took place in the Alishing district of the province, located 260 kilometers east of the capital, Kabul, the previous day.

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. Washington has also been conducting targeted killings through remotely-controlled armed drones in Somalia and Yemen.

The U.S. says the airstrikes target members of al-Qaeda and other militants, but according to local officials and witnesses, civilians have been the victims of the attacks in most cases.

The United Nations says the U.S. drone attacks are "targeted killings" that flout international law.

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