

# *U.S. Drone Strikes Kill 49 in Afghanistan*

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Kabul, July 8 (RHC)-- U.S. drone strikes have killed up to 49 people in Afghanistan. The strikes reportedly took place in an area along the Pakistani border where the Taliban and militants with the self-described Islamic State have been clashing.

Local sources put the death toll as high as 49 and said the victims were militants. A spokesperson for the Afghan spy agency claimed the second-highest figure loyal to ISIL in Afghanistan, Gul Zaman, was killed in an airstrike in the area.

Meanwhile, Afghan government officials and Taliban representatives met in Pakistan Tuesday, marking the first known talks between the two sides.

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