

Seven Killed in U.S. Drone Strike in Eastern Afghanistan



Kabul, June 10 (RHC)-- Afghan authorities say at least seven people have lost their lives in a U.S. drone attack in Afghanistan's eastern province of Nangarhar. Officials said that an unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) struck an area the previous day in the Samsu locality, located between Lal Pur and Bati Kot districts of the province. They added that the airstrike targeted a group of Taliban militants, and that those killed in the attack were members of the militant group.

On June 5th, a drone strike in the Alishir district of Afghanistan's eastern province of Khost left at least 15 people dead. The victims were reportedly attending the funeral of a local tribesman. Two separate drone strikes in Haska Mina and Chaparhar districts of Nangarhar claimed at least 17 lives the day before.

The U.S. has been conducting so-called 'targeted killings' through armed drones in Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Somalia as well as in Yemen. Despite Washington's allegations that the aerial assaults target al-Qaeda militants and other extremists, local officials and witnesses say civilians have been the main victims of the attacks in most cases.



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