

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



Kabul, July 1 (RHC)-- More than a dozen people have lost their lives in an assassination strike carried out by a US unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) in Afghanistan's eastern province of Nangarhar.

Provincial police spokesmen said on Wednesday that the drone targeted two residential buildings in the Lal Pur district of the province, situated over 150 kilometers (93 miles) east of the capital, Kabul, the previous day, killing at least 14 people and injuring more than a dozen others. They added that the assault targeted a group of Taliban militants and those killed in the airstrike were members of the terrorist group.

The United States has been conducting targeted killings through armed drones in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Somalia as well as Yemen.

Despite Washington's allegations that the raids target al-Qaeda militants and other extremists, local officials and witnesses have attested that civilians have in most cases been the victims of the attacks.

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