

U.S. Drone Crashes in Northeast Afghanistan



Kabul, August 15 (RHC)-- A U.S. drone has crashed in Afghanistan's Kapisa province, the NATO has announced without explaining the cause of the crash. According to the Western military alliance, the unmanned aerial vehicle crashed in the northeastern Afghan province on Thursday.

The crash has been confirmed by NATO's press office, but it has refused to give any further details about the aerial accident pending further investigation.

Meanwhile, the Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid, says the U.S. drone crashed in Bagram in Afghanistan's Parwan province. The militant group has not yet commented about the cause of the latest crash.

This comes as Taliban militants have increased violence against U.S.-led forces in Afghanistan, targeting NATO helicopters and drones. The Taliban militants claim they have shot down several aircraft and NATO choppers in different parts of Afghanistan in recent years.

The U.S. Central Intelligence Agency regularly uses drones for airstrikes and spying missions in Afghanistan as well as Pakistan's northwestern tribal belt near the Afghan border, among other places.

The United States has been conducting targeted killings through remotely-controlled armed drones in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Somalia and Yemen. Washington says the airstrikes target al-Qaeda militants and

other extremists, but according to local officials and witnesses, in most cases civilians have been the victims of the attacks.

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