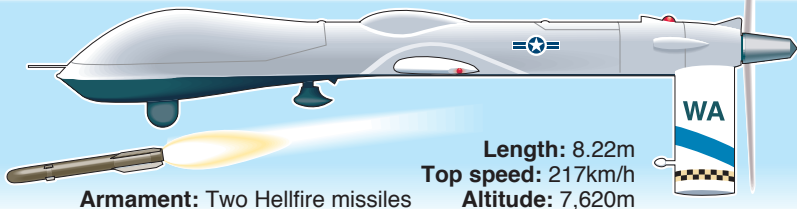


# U.S. to increase drone attacks in Pakistan

The White House has authorized the expansion of drone attacks against suspected Taliban and al-Qaeda members in Pakistan, complementing President Obama's plans to send 30,000 more troops to Afghanistan

**MQ-1 Predator:** Pilotless aircraft can patrol large area for 40 hours



**Armament:** Two Hellfire missiles

**Length:** 8.22m

**Top speed:** 217km/h

**Altitude:** 7,620m

**Tribal Areas:** Target of drone strikes

*U.S. claims that strikes have killed more than 400 militants since 2008, most notably:*



**Baitullah Mehsud**  
Pakistani Taliban leader thought to be behind numerous attacks, including assassination of **Benazir Bhutto**

**Abu Laith al-Libi**  
One of al-Qaeda's most senior leaders in Afghanistan, said by U.S. to be expert in guerrilla warfare



**Abu Khabab al-Masri**  
Alleged chemical and biological weapons expert and chief bomb maker for al-Qaeda



**Baluchistan:** U.S. wants to expand strikes to area where Afghan Taliban leaders are believed to be hiding