

# U.S. bomb plot link to Pakistan's tribal areas

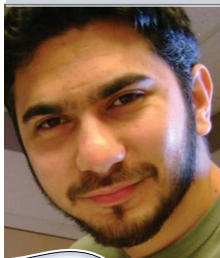
The foiled New York car bomb plot could have been prompted by the CIA's covert drone killing programme against Al Qaeda and the Taliban in South Waziristan. Pakistani-American suspect Faisal Shahzad had ties to the Pakistani Taliban movement, known as Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan, or TTP



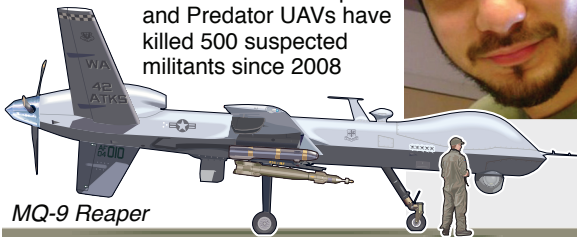
**TTP:** Formed in 2007 and closely allied with Al Qaeda. Leader **Baitullah Mehsud** killed by CIA drone in August 2009. Current leader **Hakimullah Mehsud** (right) – who survived drone attack in January – published video in April warning of attacks on U.S cities. **TTP has claimed responsibility for New York car bomb plot**



**Faisal Shahzad:** 30-year-old has admitted that he received training in Waziristan – stronghold of TTP and militant group Jaish-e-Muhammad. **Jaish is known to have used Westerners of Pakistani descent to strike overseas**



**Drones:** MQ-9 Reaper and Predator UAVs have killed 500 suspected militants since 2008



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