

Conflict in Pakistan's tribal areas

In the third attack since the failed New York car bomb plot, CIA drones fired 18 missiles into a Taliban sanctuary in Pakistan's North Waziristan. The base of Pakistani Taliban leader Hakimullah Mehsud has been the target of some 30 U.S. attacks in Pakistan's tribal areas this year alone



Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan: Closely allied with Al Qaeda. Leader **Hakimullah Mehsud** masterminded suicide bomb attack that killed seven CIA employees near Khost last December. Mehsud survived missile attack in January, and threatened attacks on U.S. cities. **TTP has claimed responsibility for Times Square car bomb**



Oct 2009: Pakistani Army launches ground offensive against Al Qaeda and Taliban in South Waziristan. 600 suspected militants killed, 290,000 people remain displaced. Taliban, Al Qaeda move to North Waziristan

Drones: Launched from inside Pakistan. Intelligence on whereabouts of Taliban leaders supplied by Pakistani Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) Directorate

Reaper and Predator UAVs have killed 500 suspected militants since early 2008



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