

Top Al Qaeda leader believed killed

Sheikh Sa'id al-Masri, Al Qaeda's third-in-command whose role spanned from operations to fundraising, is believed to have been killed in May by a CIA missile strike in the tribal areas of Pakistan



Sheikh Sa'id al-Masri: Also known as *Mustafa Abu al-Yazid*, was Al Qaeda's No. 3 after **Osama bin Laden** and **Ayman al-Zawahiri**. Egyptian-born al-Masri, 55, is believed to have controlled secret bank accounts used to finance 9/11 attacks on New York and Washington. Close to Taliban leader **Mullah Omar**. Linked to assassination in 1981 of Egyptian **President Anwar Sadat**



Kabul

Dec 2009, Khost:

Seven CIA agents killed by suicide bomb

Tribal areas

North-West Frontier Province

Peshawar

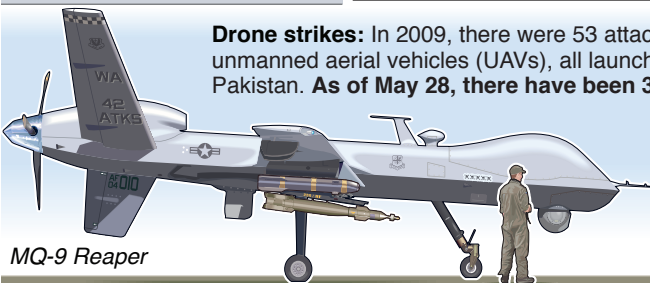
Islamabad

North Waziristan
CIA drone strikes stepped up after Khost attack

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Oct 2009, South Waziristan: Pakistani Army launches ground offensive against Al Qaeda and Taliban, forcing insurgent leaders to move to North Waziristan

Drone strikes: In 2009, there were 53 attacks by unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), all launched from inside Pakistan. **As of May 28, there have been 38 strikes**



MQ-9 Reaper

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