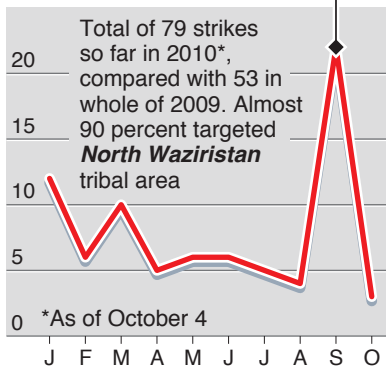


"German militants" killed in U.S. drone strike

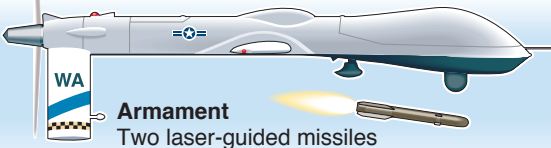
A U.S. drone strike has killed at least eight militants – including five German nationals – in Pakistan's lawless tribal areas, where a cell of Al Qaeda-linked operatives with German and British citizenship is believed to be plotting Mumbai-style terror attacks in European cities

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22 strikes took place in September – highest monthly number since 2004, reflecting U.S. attempt to target militants involved in plot



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



Armament
Two laser-guided missiles



Drones have killed more than 1,200 militants in some 175 reported strikes in northwest Pakistan since 2004