

U.S. "expanding" secret spy bases in Africa

The United States is expanding a network of air bases across Africa in order to spy on militant hideouts, according to U.S. media reports

Pilatus PC-12: Main component of U.S. surveillance fleet – disguised as private planes and carrying high-tech sensors



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| Al Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM) | Boko Haram | Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) |
| Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) | Al Shabab | |

1 Camp Lemonnier, U.S. base in Djibouti: U.S. base in Djibouti used for drone flights against militants in Yemen and Somalia

2 Arba Minch, Ethiopia: Drones deployed against al-Shabab in 2011

3 Seychelles: Drones used since 2009 to monitor al-Shabab from Indian Ocean island base

4 Manda Bay, Kenya: Base for U.S. operations in Somalia

5 Entebbe, Uganda: PC-12 aircraft flying surveillance missions over areas used by LRA rebels

6 Nzara, South Sudan: Planned U.S. base for surveillance flights

7 Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso: PC-12 planes patrolling over Mali, Mauritania and Sahara

8 Mauritania: U.S. upgrading airbase near border with Mali