

Drone Wars: September 2013 was compiled by Elayne Jude for Great North News Service

The Prime Minister of Pakistan, Nawar Sharif, told the United Nations that the use of armed drones in the border areas of Pakistan is a continued violation of its territorial integrity. In a substantial address to the UN General Assembly on 27 September, Sharif said it was also detrimental to efforts of the government to eliminate extremism and terrorism from Pakistan.

The Prime Minister's address is available on YouTube, a popular social media site which has been banned in Pakistan for over a year after YouTube refused to censor an anti-Muslim video which sparked street demonstrations in the country.

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IEah\\_4P891U](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IEah_4P891U)

<http://www.csmonitor.com/World/2013/0919/Pakistan-s-YouTube-ban-1-year-late>

Details of strikes during the month are on the next page

5 September, North Waziristan - Four suspected Haqqani Network fighters killed in the second strike in Pakistan's Taliban-controlled tribal agency in six days.

A pair of missiles were fired today at a compound in the village of Darga Mandi in the Ghulam Khan area of North Waziristan. Mullah Sangeen Zadrán, a senior Haqqani Network leader on

the US list of Specially Designated Global Terrorists for supporting al Qaeda, and an al Qaeda explosives expert from Egypt who is known as Zubir al Muzi, were later named among the dead.

Mullah Zadran also played a part in the capture of Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl, an American soldier who disappeared from his post in eastern Afghanistan in 2009 and has been held by the Haqqani network since then.

Zadran's death was unconfirmed by AQ or any jihadist group.

22 September, North Waziristan - Seven suspected militants died in the second strike in September in North Waziristan .

Four missiles were fired at a suspected militant hideout in the Shawal area of North Waziristan. The identities of the fighters thought to have been killed have not been disclosed.

The Shawal Valley is a base for al Qaeda and other terror groups operating in the region. Taliban, Pakistani, and foreign terrorist groups gather in the Shawal Valley before entering Afghanistan.

The last strike in the Shawal took place on July 28.

29 September, North Waziristan - Three alleged Haqqani Network members killed.

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30 September, North Waziristan - Three 'rebels' dead in the second drone strike in two days in

North Waziristan. A pair of missiles were fired at a compound in Mohammed Khel village, in the Datta Khel area of the tribal agency. The identities of those killed were not disclosed. Pakistan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs has confirmed the attack and "strongly condemns" it.

The Ministry released a statement denouncing the strike, and called for the US to bring a halt to the program that targets al Qaeda, the Taliban, and other terrorist groups operating in North and South Waziristan.

"These unilateral strikes are a violation of Pakistan's sovereignty and territorial integrity. Pakistan has repeatedly emphasized the importance of bringing an immediate end to drone strikes," a statement released on the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' website said. "The Government of Pakistan has consistently maintained that drone strikes are counter-productive, entail loss of innocent civilian lives and have human rights and humanitarian implications."

<http://mofa.gov.pk/pr-details.php?prID=1484>