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US Drone Strike Kills Over 20 Pakistani Taliban in Eastern Afghanistan

A US spy drone has carried out a series of attacks against what it described as a training camp belonging to the Tehreek-e Taliban Pakistan (TTP), the Pakistani version of the Taliban. The camp, interestingly enough, was inside Afghanistan's Kunar Province, just across from the border.

Taliban sources were quoted in the press as claiming over 20 TTP fighters were killed in the attack, along with an teacher identified as a senior TTP commander who was working at the camp. They described the people as engaged in routine training when five missiles hit the site.



Details are still scant. There are several conflicting reports naming a few "senior leaders" of the TTP as having been killed in the attack, though none of them have been confirmed. This included reports that Abdullah, the son of TTP leader Fazalullah, may have been present.

In addition, Gul Muhammad, the chief of the Pakistani Taliban's Bajaur Agency wing, was claimed to have been running the camp. Though initial reports suggested he was present, Taliban officials have said that is not the case.