

# Fresh US Drone Attacks Kill 5 in Pakistan

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Fresh attacks by American unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV) on Sunday killed five people in Pakistan's North Waziristan.

North Waziristan has witnessed a growing number of US missile raids. Drone attacks on Thursday and Friday left some seven people dead in the northwestern area.

The attacks, carried out by the US Central Intelligence Agency in cooperation with the Pentagon, reportedly killed more than 700 civilians in Pakistan in 2009.

Islamabad says it is involved in major offensives against militants in the northwestern parts of the country as the large-scale presence of the US military in Afghanistan has sent the militants across the border into Pakistan.

Meanwhile, the drone raids have turned the spotlight on Washington which is accused of ignoring legal and moral principles with the deadly operations on a sovereign soil.

In Washington, the attacks are hailed as a 'surgical' counterinsurgency tool. Pakistani Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi recently condemned the attacks as "counterproductive and unhelpful."

The attacks, believed to be initiated from airbases located inside Pakistan's territory, have played a strong role in the growing anti-American sentiment in Pakistan.

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