

U.S. Drone Strikes In Syria: Dangerous Escalation

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The introduction of drone strikes by the United States inside Syria would mark a dangerous escalation in the Syrian unrest, says Rick Rozoff, manager of the Stop NATO organization.Rozoff told the U.S. Desk that if deadly U.S drone strikes are expanded to Syria, it would be "the most disturbing manifestation of the international drone warfare policy."

Drone attacks inside Syria would be "an act of utter provocation," he said.

"If the U.S. directly engage in military strikes, which is what drone attacks are, means that the U.S. has openly intervened and become belligerent in the war on Syria and it could lead to an escalation of tensions not only in the region but globally."

Rozoff said while it is difficult to ascertain exactly who will be the target of U.S. drone attacks at this point, "government targets including military units" would probably be high on the list.

The U.S. Central Intelligence Agency is collecting information inside Syria for possible lethal drone strikes at a later stage, The Los Angeles Times reported on Friday.

Syria has been experiencing unrest since March 2011, and many people, including large numbers of security forces, have been killed.

The Syrian government says the chaos is being orchestrated from outside the country, and there are reports that a very large number of the militants are foreign nationals.

Although the U.S. publicly claims that its role in Syria is merely limited to providing food and medical supplies to the anti-government militants, Croatian newspaper Jutarnji List revealed on March 7 that the U.S. has coordinated weapons shipments from Croatia to the rebels in Syria.

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