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[Where is 07 when you need him?]

Huffington Post, 2/22: Russ Feingold ‘Pleased’ Anwar Al-Awlaki Was Taken Out By Drone Strike

233 ABC Newcastle, 2/21: Drone journalism takes off

ABC News, 2/21: US ramping up drone campaign

Dawn (Pakistan), 2/21: DPC rally condemns drone attacks, military operations
[Drones at work keeping the world safe for Democracy!]

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• 2/21: Uzbek-Kazakh Drone Spat Turns Both Farcical And Serious
[It’s a bird! It’s a plane! It’s SuperPower!]
• 2/20: Kazakhstan Accuses Uzbekistan Of Drone Incursion
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• Embracing the Drone
• Old Laws Can Cover New Technologies

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Pakistan Observer, 2/19: Drone strikes kill 24 in North Waziristan
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  - Drones Set Sights on US Skies
  - Drones For Hire
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- Public Intelligence, 02/17: A Look At U.S. Drone Bases in Pakista

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- The Guardian, 2/17: Drone and nuclear deals to dominate Cameron-Sarkozy summit

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- The Canadian, 2/14: Archons: Israel, NATO’s drone terrorism – Palestine and Pakistan

- Defense Professionals, 2/13: IDF’s Elite UAV Unit Undergoes Improvements

- The Daily Beast, In Newsweek, 2/13: Inside the Killing Machine

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- # Global Research, 2/13: ORWELLIAN DRONES: “Eye in the Sky”Spying on Americans

- # Tom Dispatch, 2/13: Tomgram: Nick Turse, Prisons, Drones, and Black Ops in Afghanistan

- KBND News (Central Oregon), 2/10: Drone Test
Sites Proposed for Central Oregon

- Forbes, 02/09: 10 Fun Facts About Drones
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- The Sun (UK), 2/08: Attack on the drones, Pakistan blasts US blitz, Hints they may hit back, Pledges support for Iran
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- Los Angeles Times, 2/09: Anti-drone protester disrupts conference on drones in combat
- AOL Defense, 2/08: ‘Killer Drone’ Demo Marks HASC Chair McKeon’s Speech
- UPI.com, 2/07: Safety an issue if drones fly over U.S.
- # Fairness and Accuracy In Reporting, 2/06: NYT Lets Nameless Official Smear Drone Researchers as Al-Qaeda Fans
- Gizmodo, 2/06: North Korea’s New Killer Drone Is Made In the USA
- The Times of India, 2/06: Drones set to assist cops in Naxal operations
- The Business Insider, 2/05: This Nano Drone Swarm Is Astonishing And Unnerving In Equal Measure
  
[Saw a demo of the AI behind this a few years ago at a conference.

If they were Reapers (and they will be), it would be terrifying. Carpet bombing Dresden without pilots.]
- Los Angeles Times, 2/05: McManus: Who reviews the U.S. ‘kill list’?
- # Salon.com 2/05: U.S. drones targeting rescuers and mourners
- Airforce Times, 2/04: AF, firms seek UAV
flights in civil air space
[Pro-Drone with many frightening details.]

- # The Bureau of Investigative Journalism, 2/04: Obama terror drones: CIA tactics in Pakistan include targeting rescuers and funerals
- Reuters, 2/03: NATO nations finally agree deal on drone project
- Fox News, 2/03: Surveillance drone crashes in Somali capital
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- Dawn (Pakistan), 2/01: Amnesty seeks legal basis of US drone strikes in Pakistan
- Business Recorder (Pakistan), 2/01: Protest against US drone attacks: Waziristan tribal elders to stage long march to Islamabad
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**January, 2012**

Happy New Year. 2012 has only just begun, and already we are hearing some innovative responses. It should be an interesting year when it comes to the escalation of Drone use, Drone coverage, and Drone activism. All have increased exponentially since our die in at Hancock Air National Guard Base last spring.

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○ AV Web Aviation News, 1/27: X-47 Drone Testing Sparks Ethical Warfare Debate
○ UPI, 1/27: New UAV demonstrated for Marines
○ Israel Matzav, 1/27: Israel cuts Turkey off from UAV technology
○ Wall Street Journal, 1/26: U.S. Plan 30% increase in use of Unmanned Drones
○ Standard Examiner, 1/26: New drone can land on aircraft carrier
  [And it’s autonomous{:}]
○ Google News, (AFP) 1/26: Pakistan religious party condemns drone attacks
  [At a rally attended by more than 100,000]
○ # Counterpunch.org 1/25: In the Age of Rootic Weapons
○ The Nation (Pakistan), 1/25:
  • Walkout in Senate Against Drone Hits
  • The Reprehensible Drone Attacks
○ Desert News (Salt Lake City), 1/25: Army seeking public input on drone testing program
○ Fox News, 1/24: Pentagon to Cut Air Force Drone Program
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SF Bayview, 1/22: Cynthia McKinney: U.S. war machine pervades Africa

The Houston Chronicle, 1/22: It’s Time To End The Pakistan Drone Strikes

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RIA Novosti, 1/18: Russia Allocates $160 Mln for Drone Development

** Rochester City Newspaper 1/17: Drones Close to Home

Antiwar.com 1/17: Turkish Officials: Israeli Drone Surveillance Data Given to PKK

Let the games begin!

Reuters Africa, 1/17: REUTERS MAGAZINE-The drone war

A Must Read! First hand testimony of Taliban prisoner.

Wired Danger Room, 1/17: Every Day, Army’s Panopticon Drone Will Collect 80 Years’ Worth of HD Video

Looks simple, but who could process all this data?

IO9, 1/17: Unmanned Aerial Vehicles: coming
soon to a sky near you

[Thoughtful, informative article on a Sci Fi site]

Washington Post, 1/15: Radio communications indicate US drone strike may have killed Pakistani Taliban leader

Today’s Zaman (Turkey), 1/15: Report: TSK yet to provide videos of UAV videos of Uludere airstrike

[Apparently a Turkish airstrike on the border between Iraq and Turkey that killed 35 civilians who were mistaken for PKK activists, may have been called in by a Drone. The US has Drones based at Incirlik which are available for Turkish military use.]

# Tom Dispatch, 1/15: Tomgram: Nick Turse, Drone Disasters

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FierceCIO TechWatch, 1/13: Airforce Drone Control System Now Runs on Linux

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- Huffington Post, 1/12; Pakistan Suspected Drone Strike Kills 6 Militants In North Waziristan
- Wired Magazine, Danger Room, 1/09: Almost 1 In 3 U.S. Warplanes Is a Robot
- Pakistan Observer, 01/09: Tough Stance Works [Ending Drone strikes reduced Suicide Bomings.]
- Tehran Times, 01/08 US Drone Targeted Civilians in Turkey
- Information Clearing House, 01/06: U.S. Turns to Drones to Counter China
- Syracuse Post Standard, 1/05: Chances of Central New York drone flights improve as new law allows six national test sites
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Online International News (Pakistan), 1/01: Drone attacks remained ineffective against militant leaders: CMC