

Drone News Archive 2011

Drone News and Analysis 2011 and Earlier

- **December, 2011**

There's so much going on here, I can't resist the urge to comment. December and November have more news hits for Drones the entire preceding year. A lot of it has to do with Iran capturing one of our high tech surveillance drones. Everyone has a piece of that action, and I have tried to capture a variety of perspectives. Then there's the 'friendly' fire incident that killed 24 Pakistani soldiers and caused them to kick us out of Shamsi. Note that the article in the Pakistani news source says we have access to others. And then there is the crash at Seychelles. But, all in all, the Drone business is booming.

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[Now these people think the Iranian Drone is a Trojan Horse. Hmmm.]

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