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3. Drone Crash Database

Note: This database cover UAV crashes since 01 Jan 2007. It has been compiled from USAF Accident Investigation Board (AIB) Reports, the Wikileaks War Logs and reports from the general and military press. It does not include crashes by mini-UAV's like Raven and Scan Eagle as they crash so often it would swamp the database ([see this report for the number of mini-UAV crashes mentioned in the Wikileaks War Logs](#)). This list is almost certainly not complete. If you know of any other large drone crashes not mentioned in the database please let me know. For an analysis of drone crashes (written in Sept 2012) see [‘A Century of Drone Crashes’](#)

Last updated: 31 Dec2013

Date	Drone Type	Cause/ Details	Where	Reference
13 Dec 2013	Indian Army Heron		Tamil Nadu, India	Press Report
30 Nov 2013	Unknown		Nangarhar, Afghanistan	Press Report
06 Dec 2013	Turkish Anka		South- eastern Turkey	Press Report
28 Nov 2013	Unknown Indian Army		Dhar, India	Press Report
14 Nov 2013	USAF MQ-9 Reaper		Nevada, USA	Press Report
12 Nov 2013	USAF MQ-9 Reaper		Lake Ontario, USA	Press Report
	Unknown IDF		Gaza	Press Report

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03 Nov 2013				
30 Oct 2013	USAF MQ-1B Predator		New Mexico, USA	Press Report
08 Oct 2013	Israeli Hermes 450		Israel	Press report
23 Sept 2013	Unknown ISAF		Paktia, Afghanistan	Press report
25 July 2013	USAF MQ-9 Reaper		New Mexico, USA	Press Report
14 July 2013	Israeli Hermes 450		Israel/Egypt border	Press Report
18 June 2013	Unknown NATO		Afghanistan	Press Report
5 June 2013	USAF K-Max		Afghanistan	Press Report
27 May 2013	US S-100 Camcopter		Somalia	Press Report
13 May 2013	USAF MQ-1B Predator	Propeller problems	Nevada, USA	Press Report
11 May 2013	IDF Heron		Israel	Press Report
2 May 2013	IDF Sky Model		“near Gaza”	Press Report
22 Apr 2013	Unknown Russian		Kazakhstan	Press Report
? April 2013	USAF MQ – 9 Reaper	Mechanical failure	Mali	Press Report
2 March 2013	USAF MQ-1B Predator	electronics failure	Afghanistan	USAF Accident Report (pdf)

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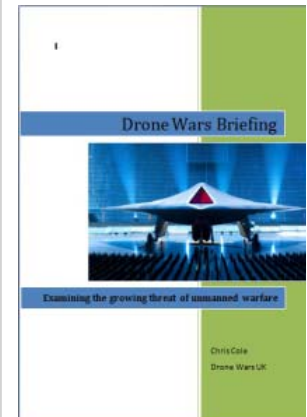
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5 Dec 2012	Unknown		Omdurman, Sudan	Press Report
5 Dec 2012	USAF MQ-9 Reaper		Nevada, US	Press Report
26 Oct 2012	USAF MQ-1 Predator		Afghanistan	USAF Press Re
22 Oct 2012	Unknown Israeli		Israel	Press Report
27 Sept 2012	Turkish ANKA		Turkey	Press Report
18 Sept 2012	USAF MQ-1 Predator	Lost link	Not reported	USAF Press Re
22 Aug 2012	USAF MQ-1 Predator	Electrical fault	Afghanistan	USAF Press Re
25 July 2012	US MQ1 Predator & MQ1 C Gray Eagle		El Mirage, Arizona	Press Report
14 July 2012	Unknown Hezbollah		Lebanon	Press Report
19 June 2012	Unknown ISAF		Kunar, Afghanistan	Press Report
11 June 2012	US Navy BAMS		Maryland, USA	US Navy Press
19 May 2012	Unknown Pakistan army		Mianwali District, Pakistan	Press Report
10 May 2012	Schiebel S-100	Loss of GPS	South Korea	Press Report
	Unknown ISAF			Press Report

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16 Feb 2012	Searcher II		India	Press Report/
14 Feb 2012	USAF MQ1-B Predator	Mechanical failure	Afghanistan	USAF Accident Report (PDF)
03 Feb 2012	Unknown		Somalia	Press Report
30 Jan 2012	USAF MQ-1B Predator	Mechanical failure	Kandahar, Afghanistan	USAF Accident Report (PDF)
29 Jan 2012	Heron TP		Israel	Press Report
28 Jan 2012	Unknown		Afghanistan	Press Report
2011				
27 Dec 2011	Unknown		Afghanistan	Press Report
13 Dec 2011	US Predator MQ-9		Seychelles	Press Report
4 Dec 2011	US Sentinel MQ-170		Iran	Press Report
11 Nov 2011	Israeli Heron		Turkey	Press Report
7 Oct 2011	USAF Reaper MQ-9		New Mexico	Press Report

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20 Aug 2011	USAF Global Hawk RQ-4		Jalalabad, Afghanistan	Press reports U Accident Repor
15 Aug 2011	Shadow	Collides with Cargo plane	Afghanistan	Press reports
11 Aug 2011	DARPA HTV-2	Wear to outer skin	Pacific Ocean	Press Report
19 Jul 2011	Unknown Pakistani Navy		Karachi	Press report
10 July 2011	USAF Predator MQ-1B		Afghanistan	USAF Accident Report
28 Jun 2011	USAF Predator MQ-1B		Afghanistan	ISAF report
5 June 2011	USAF Predator MQ-1B		Afghanistan	USAF Accident Report
17 May 2011	USAF Predator MQ-1B		Djibouti	USAF Accident Report
7 May 2011	USAF Predator MQ-1B		Djibouti	USAF Accident Report
5 May 2011	USAF Predator MQ-1		Khandhar, Afghanistan	USAF Accident Report
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1 Apr 2011	Global Observer		California	Press reports
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14 Dec 2010	Mexican Orbiter UAV		El Paso, Texas	Press Report
9 Dec 2010	USAF Predator MQ-1B	Pilot error	Kandahar	USAF Accident
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4 June 2010	Australian Heron		Kandhar	Press Report
20 Apr 2010	USAF MQ-1B Predator	Pilot error	US, California	USAF Accident Investigation
Mar 14 2010	USAF MQ-1B Predator		South Afghanistan	Press Report
Feb 09 2010	USAF MQ-1B Predator		Eastern Afghanistan	Press Report
Jan 24 2010	US Predator ?		Pakistan	Press Report
Jan 14 2010	USAF MQ-1B Predator		Southern Afghanistan	USAF Accident Investigation
Jan 13 2010	Italian Predator MQ-1B		Italy	Press Report
2009				
Dec 13 2009	USAF Hunter UAV		Afghanistan	Wikileaks War Report
Nov 22 2009	USAF MQ-1B Predator		Afghanistan	USAF Accident Investigation
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Oct 3 2009	USAF MQ-1B Predator		Afghanistan	USAF Accident Investigation
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Sep 112009	MQ-1 Predator		Holloman AFB, New Mexico	Press Report
Sep 042009	USAF MQ-1B Predator crash	Mechanical failure	Afghanistan	USAF Accident Investigation War Logs Report
Aug 13 2009	USAF MQ-1B Predator crash	Mechanical failure	Iraq	USAF Accident Investigation
Aug 12 2009	GNAT		Mosul, Iraq	Wikileaks War Report
July 04 2009	USAF MQ-9 Reaper		Kandahar, Afghanistan	Wikileaks War Report
Jun 02 2009	Hermes UAV	Engine Failure	Afghanistan	Wikileaks War Report
May 13 2009	USAF MQ-1B Predator crash	Unknown – no wreckage found	Afghanistan	USAF Accident Investigation
May 08 2009	USAF MQ-1B Predator crash	Weather and Mechanical failure	Ghazani, Afghanistan	USAF Accident Investigation
Apr 28 2009	USAF MQ-1B Predator crash	Mechanical failure	Creech AFB, Nevada	USAF Accident Investigation

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Mar 14 2009	Canadian SPERWER		Afghanistan	Wikileaks War Report
Mar 20 2009	USAF MQ-9 Reaper crash	Mechanical failure	Fort Irwin, California	USAF Accident Investigation
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Oct 25 2008	SPERWER UAV		Afghanistan	WikileaksWar] Report
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May 02 2008	USAF MQ-1B Predator crash	Engine failure	Iraq	USAF Accident Investigation War Logs Repo
Apr 09 2008	USAF MQ-1B Predator crash	Mechanical failure	Iraq	USAF Accident Investigation
Apr 09 2008	RAF MQ-9 Reaper	Mechanical failure	Afghanistan	Press Report
Jan 13 2008	Unknown	Crashed into Airport terminal	Iraq	Wikileaks War Report
2007				
Dec 11 2007	Boeing A160T unmanned helicopter		California	Press Report
Dec 17 2007	USAF MQ-1B Predator	Power system failure	Iraq	USAF Accident Investigation War Logs repo
Nov 29 2007	USAF MQ-1L Predator	Communication failure	Iraq	USAF Accident Investigation
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A few updates for you:

June 26th : ISAF Unidentified UAV

Crashed in Kaspisa Province, North eastern Afghanistan No insurgent activity was reported in the area at the time

June 27th: ISAF . Unidentified UAV

Crashed in Heret Province Western Afghanistan, But ISAF said landing site made secure and UAV recovered. No insurgent activity was reported in the area at the time

Jun 28th ISAF . Unidentified UAV

Crashed in Kunar province ,eastern Afghanistan at 1400hrs , ISAF officials stated that the crash site was made secure and the UAV recovered with intial reports indicating that there was no insurgent activity in the area at the time.

Update:

Jul 19th Pakistani Navy , UAV was a UQAB-II UAV

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<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/service-inquiry-investigating-the-accident-involving-unmanned-air-system-uas-hermes-450-zk515-on-02-oct-11>

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Nov 12, 2013 – There was a \$4 million Reaper drone that malfunctioned and crashed into a guided missile cruiser off the coast of Southern California earlier this month and the unarmed Air National Guard drone that crashed into Lake Ontario during a training exercise in the same week. They may have been “unarmed” but who’s to say they won’t be in the future?

There are four Reapers drones used “on a regular basis” out of Fort Drum.

One of the notorious things about drones and Reapers is their high accident rate. I believe that’s reason enough to be concerned.

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