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# IRAN AND THE US: A DRONE AFFAIR

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## From Iraq to Yemen, drones raise U.S. alarm over Iranian plans

17 Jul 2019

**Babak Dehghanpisheh, Phil Stewart, Reuters, Uk**

The increased use of drones by Iran and its allies for surveillance and attacks across the Middle East is raising alarms in Washington. The United States believes that Iran-linked militia in Iraq have recently increased their surveillance of American troops and bases in the country by using off-the-shelf, commercially available drones, U.S. officials say.

- ▶ <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-mideast-iran-drones/from-iraq-to-yemen-drones-raise-u-s-alarm-over-iranian-plans-idUSKCN1UC1X4>

## U.S. military took defensive action against second Iranian drone last week

23 Jul 2019

**Reuters, Uk**

A U.S. Navy ship took defensive action against a second Iranian drone in the Strait of Hormuz last week, but did not see the drone go into the water, the U.S. military said on Tuesday. The United States said on Thursday that a Navy ship had “destroyed” an Iranian drone in the Strait of Hormuz after the aircraft threatened the vessel, but Iran said it had no information about losing a drone.

- ▶ <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-mideast-iran-usa-drones/u-s-military-took-defensive-action-against-second-iranian-drone-last-week-idUSKCN1UI2AH>

## US has shot down Iranian drone in Strait of Hormuz, says Trump

18 Jul 2019

**Harriet Alexander, The Telegraph, Uk**

US President Donald Trump said on Thursday that a US warship destroyed an Iranian drone in the Strait of Hormuz amid heightened tensions between the two countries. Mr Trump said the USS Boxer took defensive action after the drone closed to within 1,000 yards of the warship and ignored multiple calls to stand down.

- ▶ <https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2019/07/18/us-shoots-iranian-drone-straits-hormuz-says-trump/>

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## **AVT LMADIS Downs Iranian Drone**

19 Jul 2019

**Franco Iacch, Il Giornale, Italy**

On July 17th, a variant of the Marine Air Defense Integrated System (MADIS) family of counter drone systems, the LMADIS, in use by the USMC, downed an Iranian drone in the Persian Gulf, which flew within 1,000 yards of a US Navy Vessel. The LMADIS is the product of a rapid development effort by Ascent Vision Technologies (AVT), the USMC Ground Based Air Defense team, and other partner suppliers.

► <http://www.ilgiornale.it/news/mondo/golfo-persico-drone-iraniano-abbattuto-dai-marine-1729266.html>

## **Americans tried a new secret weapon. Iranian drone shot down using a “radio jammer”**

23 Jul 2019

**Echo24, Czech Republic**

Irani drone destroyed by US Military in July was not shot down by a missile, but apparently by a radio waves emitted by a LMADIS (Light Marine Air Defense Integrated System) system. The system was most probably mounted on off-road vehicles Polaris MRZR placed on the deck of the USS Boxer cruising the international waters in the Persian Gulf.

► <https://echo24.cz/a/S9x3/americane-vyzkouseli-novou-tajnou-zbran-iransky-dron-poslala-do-more-nejspise-radiova-rusicka>

## **The Iranian army deploys armed UAVs**

20 Jul 2019

**Mateusz Zielonka, Defence24, Poland**

The commander of a UAV unit of Iran’s army General Sahram Hassannejad informed about receiving the first three Mohajer-6 ISTAR (Intelligence, Surveillance, Target Acquisition and Reconnaissance) type drones. “Mohajer-6 is equipped with intelligent and precise Qa’em bombs, various optoelectronics and other installations. It can track and destroy target” - said Iran Defence Minister Fir Amir Hatami.

► <https://www.defence24.pl/iranska-armia-wdraza-do-sluzby-uzbrojone-bezzalogowce>

## **Trump Denies Iran Rolled Up Spy Network**

22 Jul 2019

**Nederlandse Omroep Stichting, Netherlands**

Iran has claimed it rolled up a network of CIA agents operating in the country. But US President Trump has denied this, claiming the allegation was just as false as their statements on a shot down drone. In June, Iran shot down a US drone. Trump has claimed the US shot down an Iranian drone afterwards, though the US has not provided any evidence for this.

► <https://nos.nl/artikel/2294540-trump-ontkent-dat-iran-netwerk-van-cia-spijonnen-heeft-ontmaskerd.html>

## United States shot down an Iranian drone

19 Jul 2019

**Le Matin, Switzerland**

President Donald Trump announced that the United States has shot down an Iranian drone dangerously close to an American ship in the Strait of Hormuz. According to the US the Iranian drone had ignored multiple warnings to get away from the ship USS Boxer. It is the latest incident in the region for more than two months.

▶ <https://www.lematin.ch/monde/etatsunis-abattu-drone-iranien/story/10158762>

## Trump announces destruction of Iranian drone by US warship

19 Jul 2019

**Der Spiegel, Germany**

The crew of a US naval ship has destroyed an Iranian drone in the Strait of Hormuz, according to President Donald Trump. The drone had come very close to the ship and threatened the safety of the ship and its crew, Trump said. Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif, said he had no knowledge of an alleged US military destroyed drone.

▶ <https://www.spiegel.de/politik/ausland/us-kriegsschiff-schiesst-iranische-drohne-ueber-strasse-von-hormus-ab-a-1278013.html>

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## NEW SCARY DRONES

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### **Black Hornet pocket drones will get into action for the first time**

2 Jul 2019

**Jiří Černý, Vtm, Czech Republic**

US Military is to deploy for the first time the recently developed Black Hornet Personal Reconnaissance Systems, pocket-sized drones fitted with multiple cameras, so it can provide soldiers with images and real time video of surroundings. Drone is supposed to be deployed in July in Afghanistan by the 82nd Airborne Division and if proved efficient, other parts of the US Military will be equipped with the system.

- ▶ <https://vtm.zive.cz/clanky/kapesni-drony-black-hornet-budou-poprve-nasazeny-do-akce-kde-je-americka-armada-vyuzije/sc-870-a-199186/default.aspx>

### **Kalashnikov completed the drone-kamikaze tests**

4 Jul 2019

**Mateusz Zielonka, Defence24, Poland**

Tests on the drone-kamikaze ZALA Lanciet have been completed. The chief constructor of ZALA AERO Zacharov remarked that Lanciet is a new, intelligent multitasking weapon that can independently locate and destroy target. It can transmit images in real time and thus confirm that the target was hit. It has the range of 40 km and its maximum take-off weight is 12 kg.

- ▶ <https://www.defence24.pl/kalaszniwow-zakonczyl-testy-drona-kamikadze>

### **Russian drone will belch fire like a dragon**

11 Jul 2019

**Rzeczpospolita, Poland**

The Russian Ministry of Defence announced that it will respond to ISIS attacks in Syria and by the end of the year its army will be equipped with small drones armed with explosives and flamethrowers. Experiments on UAVs have already been carried out. They were loaded with ammunition weighing several kilos, a grenade launcher and a flamethrower. They can land on the roof of a moving combat vehicle.

- ▶ <https://cyfrowa.rp.pl/technologie/35643-rosyjski-dron-bedzie-zial-ogniem-jak-smok>

### **Combat robots knows no pity**

30 Jul 2019

**Von Christian Buck, Die Welt, Germany**

More and more nations are putting money into sophisticated war robots. Thirty states already have armed drones. According to many experts, after the invention of gunpowder and nuclear weapons, humanity is facing the third revolution in the warfare: the use of autonomous weapons. The main role in this development is played by Robotics and Artificial Intelligence (AI), that helps the machines to identify opponents and to exercise deadly force without being guided by feelings of revenge, fear or compassion.

- ▶ <https://cyfrowa.rp.pl/technologie/35643-rosyjski-dron-bedzie-zial-ogniem-jak-smok>

# TOO MANY DRONES IN THE MIDDLE EAST

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## US to deploy troops to Saudi Arabia in face of ‘credible’ regional threats

20 Jul 2019

**El Mundo, Spain**

The United States has authorised the deployment of military personnel and resources to Saudi Arabia, the Pentagon says, to provide “an additional deterrent” in the face of “emergent, credible threats” in the region. The move, agreed in conjunction with the kingdom, aims to boost regional security as tensions in the Gulf mount over Iran’s standoff with the US over sanctions and the 2015 nuclear agreement, and Tehran’s seizure of two British-linked vessels in the strait of Hormuz on Friday.

► <https://www.elmundo.es/internacional/2019/07/20/5d324baefdddfff42e8b464b.html>

## Will the civil war in Libya evoke a new refugee crisis?

24 Jul 2019

**Joanie De Rijke, Knack, Belgium**

The civil war raging in Libya is in a stalemate. Every night, a swarm of drones flies out. When the sun goes down, you can not see them, but you do hear them. It is nerve-racking for the troops fighting against Haftar. Though they damage less buildings and create less victims than bombs dropped from planes, they remain deadly tools. The drones are everywhere, constantly.

► <https://webcache.googleusercontent.com/search?q=cache:b9X9H7MxLWQJ:https://www.knack.be/nieuws/wereld/lokt-de-burgeroorlog-in-libie-een-nieuwe-vluchtelingencrisis-uit/article-longread-1489757.html+&cd=16&hl=nl&ct=clnk&gl=nl>

## Saudi Arabia intercepts Yemeni rebels’ drones

7 Jul 2019

**Le Figaro, France**

According to the military coalition led by the Saudi Arabia, Ryad has intercepted Yemeni rebel drones targeting the civilian Jizan airport in the south of the country. No damage or casualties was reported. The Shiite Houthi rebels, considered as close to Iran and who have been subjected to intense aerial bombardment by the coalition since March 2015, have intensified their drone and missile attacks on Saudi Arabian cities in recent weeks.

► <http://www.lefigaro.fr/l-arabie-saoudite-intercepte-des-drones-des-rebelles-yemenites-20190705>

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# THE TURKISH DRONE

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## How killer drones became Turkey's favorite weapon

5 Jul 2019

**Courrier International, France**

Turkey has become one of the biggest users of combat drones, including on its own territory and against its own citizens. The Turkish government deploys these weapons against ISIS fighters in Syria and along the border with Iraq and Iran. The country now ranks with the United States and the United Kingdom among the top users of UAVs in the world, according to data collected by The Intercept. That symbolize the entry of Turkey in the small club of the most advanced nations of the world on the technological level.

- ▶ <https://www.courrierinternational.com/article/enquete-comment-les-drones-tueurs-sont-devenus-larme-favorite-de-la-turquie>

## Libya: why Ankara delivers arms to Tripoli

3 Jul 2019

**Radio France Internationale, France**

The Libyan East Authority claims that Ankara is interfering in Libya and violating the UN arms embargo on the country since 2011. Turkey has recent deliveries weapons and armed drones to the Tripoli militias allowing them to conquer the strategic city of Gharyan.

- ▶ <http://www.rfi.fr/afrique/20190702-libye-pourquoi-turquie-livre-armes-tripoli>