



PAKISTAN: FIRST DOMESTIC DRONE STRIKE

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Pakistan has claimed that it has carried out its **first drone strike** by a domestically produced drone on Monday ([NYT](#), [BBC](#)). According to a tweet by Maj. Gen. Asim Bajwa, a Pakistani military spokesman, the Burraq drone killed three high-profile militants in Shawal Valley in North Waziristan. This is not the first time that the government has been reported to use a domestic drone but it is the first strike that the government has confirmed. The *Express Tribune* reported in March that Pakistan used its own drones in the Khyber tribal region, but a Pakistani security official speaking to the *New York Times* on Monday, denied those reports and said this strike was the first use of the drone. Pakistan is only the fourth country to use armed drones in combat, according to a count by New America ([New America](#)).

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