

Drone Wars UK

Info and comment on use of UK drones

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](http://www.defencesuppliers.net.au/news/shadow-tops-uav-crash-list/) (<http://www.defencesuppliers.net.au/news/shadow-tops-uav-crash-list/>)). 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.

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Date	Drone Type	Cause/Details	Where	Reference
19 May 2012	Unknown Pakistan army		Mianwali District, Pakistan	Press Report (http://www.thenewstribes.com/2012/05/19/pakistan-armys-surveillance-drone-crashes-in-punjab/)
10 May 2012	Schiebel S-100	Loss of GPS	South Korea	Press Report (http://www.shephardmedia.com/news/uv-online/heli-pacific-2012-schiebel-s-100-crash-due-loss-gp/)
29 April 2012	Unknown ISAF		Ghazni Province, Afghanistan	Press Report (http://www.afghanislamicpress.com/site/home/detail.asp?iData=52940&nChannel=News)
25 Feb 2012	Unknown		Miranshah, Pakistan	Press Report (http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5hM7hmJNLoTA6tZ0h5sMcThEuekag?docId=CNG.51a0604c14c99fac8e9c9e3f88fdd292.1e1)
16 Feb 2012	Searcher II		India	Press Report (http://articles.timesofindia.indiatimes.com/2012-02-17/india/31071172_1_uav-crashes-searcher-ii-sortie)
03 Feb 2012	Unknown		Somalia	Press Report (http://news.yahoo.com/surveillance-drone-crashes-somali-capital-134652928.html)
30 Jan 2012	USAF MQ-1B Predator	Mechanical failure	Kandahar, Afghanistan	USAF Accident Report (PDF) (http://www.airforce-magazine.com/SiteCollectionDocuments/Reports/2012/June2012/Day01/052212_ACC_MQ-1_AIB.pdf)
29 Jan 2012	Heron TP		Israel	Press Report (http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4182105,00.html)
28 Jan 2012	Unknown		Afghanistan	Press Report (http://www.khaama.com/us-drone-crash-in-eastern-ghazni-province-514)
2011				
27 Dec 2011	Unknown		Afghanistan	Press Report (http://www.khaama.com/isaf-confirms-to-identify-crash-site-of-nato-drone-250)
13 Dec 2011	US Predator MQ-9		Seychelles	Press Report (http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/12/13/seychelles-drone-idAFL6E7ND42L20111213l)
4 Dec 2011	US Sentinel MQ-170		Iran	Press Report (http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-middle-east-16098562)
11 Nov 2011	Israeli Heron		Turkey	Press Report (http://www.aysor.am/en/news/2011/11/11/turkey-israel)
7 Oct 2011	USAF Reaper MQ-9		New Mexico	Press Report (http://www.alamogordonews.com/ci_19068540)
21 Sept 2011	Unknown		Nangarhar Province, Afghanistan	Press Report (http://usnewsลาสvegas.asia/foreign/taliban-local-leader-killed-2-nato-drone-crash-in-afghanistan/)
21 Sept 2011	Unknown		Logar Province, Afghanistan	Press Report (http://usnewsลาสvegas.asia/foreign/taliban-local-leader-killed-2-nato-drone-crash-in-afghanistan/)
24 Aug 2011	Chinese Pterodactyl		Hebei province, China	Press Report (http://www.flightglobal.com/blogs/asian-skies/2011/09/chinese-predator-uav-look-alik.html)
24 Aug 2011	USAF Reaper MQ-9		Texas	Press Report (http://www.kfoxtv.com/news/news/remotely-operated-aircraft-crashes-at-holloman-afb/nD24w/)
20 Aug 2011	USAF Global Hawk RQ-4		Jalalabad, Afghanistan	Press reports (http://www.allvoices.com/contributed-news/10149719-us-drone-crashed) USAF Accident Report (http://usaf.aib.law.af.mil/indexFY11.html)
19 Aug 2011	USAF Predator MQ-1B		Mogadishu, Somalia	Press reports (http://arabnews.com/world/article490961.ece)
15 Aug 2011	Shadow		Afghanistan	Press reports (http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424053111903480904576512081215848332.html)

11 Aug 2011	DARPA HTV-2	Wear to outer skin	Pacific Ocean	Press Report (http://www.flightglobal.com/news/articles/chunks-blowing-away-caused-hypersonic-vehicle-crash-371013)
19 Jul 2011	Unknown Pakistani Navy		Karachi	Press report (http://www.upiasia.com/Top_News/World-News/2011/07/19/Pakistani-drone-crashes-in-refinery-area/UPI-80621311073774/)
10 July 2011	USAF Predator MQ-1B		Afghanistan	USAF Accident Report (http://usaf.aib.law.af.mil/indexFY11.html)
28 Jun 2011	USAF Predator MQ-1B		Afghanistan	ISAF report (http://www.isaf.nato.int/article/isaf-releases/isaf-remotely-piloted-aircraft-crashes-in-eastern-afghanistan.html)
5 June 2011	USAF Predator MQ-1B		Afghanistan	USAF Accident Report (http://usaf.aib.law.af.mil/indexFY11.html)
17 May 2011	USAF Predator MQ-1B		Djibouti	USAF Accident Report (http://usaf.aib.law.af.mil/indexFY11.html)
7 May 2011	USAF Predator MQ-1B		Djibouti	USAF Accident Report (http://usaf.aib.law.af.mil/indexFY11.html)
5 May 2011	USAF Predator MQ-1		Khandhar, Afghanistan	USAF Accident Report (http://usaf.aib.law.af.mil/ExecSum2011/MO-1B_AOR_ExecSum_%205%20May%2011.pdf)
1 May 2011	USAF Predator MQ-1		Afghanistan	UAF Accident Report (http://usaf.aib.law.af.mil/indexFY11.html)
1 Apr 2011	Global Observer		California	Press reports (http://www.aviationweek.com/aw/generic/story_channel.jsp?channel=defense&id=news/awx/2011/04/01/awx_04_01_2011_p0-305358.xml)
1 Apr 2011	USAF MQ-9 Reaper		New Mexico	Press reports (http://www.airforcetimes.com/news/2011/04/ap-mq-9-reaper-crashes-at-holloman-air-force-base-040211/)
31 Mar 2011	Unknown		Zurmat, Pakistan	Press Report (http://www.presstv.ir/detail/172402.html)
15 Mar 2011	USAF Predator MQ-1B		Djibouti	Press Report (http://usaf.aib.law.af.mil/indexFY11.html)
4 Mar 2011	Turkish Heron		Mardin, Turkey	Press Report (http://www.defence.pk/forums/turkey-defence/96132-israeli-made-uav-crashes-mardin.html)
8 Feb 2011-	USAF Predator		Loder, Yemen	Press Report (http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5h95MtnhYnXUe-umPi0xey05sqDVQ?docId=CNG.c0c63e4646495230d8449227753b8d56.151)
14 Jan 2011	USAF Predator MQ-1B		Gulf of Aden	USAF Accident report (http://usaf.aib.law.af.mil/indexFY11.html)
3 Jan 2011	USAF Predator MQ-1B		Kandahar	USAF Accident report (http://usaf.aib.law.af.mil/indexFY11.html)
2010				
14 Dec 2010	Mexican Orbiter UAV		El Paso, Texas	Press Report (http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-us-canada-12024766)
9 Dec 2010	USAF Predator MQ-1B	Pilot error	Kandahar	USAF Accident report (http://usaf.aib.law.af.mil/ExecSum2011/MO-1B_Kandahar_9%20Dec%2010.pdf)
11 Nov 2010	Unknown		Logar Province, Afghanistan	Press Report (http://www.presstv.ir/detail/150719.html)
11 Nov 2010	Unknown		Logar Province, Afghanistan	Press Report (http://www.presstv.ir/detail/150719.html)
02 Nov 2010	Unknown		Behsud District Afghanistan	Press Report (http://www.google.com/hostednews/ukpress/article/ALeqM5gLsO1O0HaILkb5ChA2KTwxIycFCQ?docId=N0107671288684478014A)
28 Oct 2010	USAF MQ-9 Reaper		Holloman AFB, New Mexico	Press Report (http://www.digitaljournal.com/article/299527)
22 Oct 2010	USAF MQ-1 Predator		Holloman AFB, New Mexico	US Military Press Release (http://www.holloman.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123227636)
21 Oct 2010	IDF Skylark		Gaza Strip	Press Report (http://www.jpost.com/Israel/Article.aspx?id=192304)
07 Oct 2010	Unknown		East Afghanistan	Press Report (http://www.presstv.ir/detail/145671.html)
19 Sep 2010	USAF Predator MQ-1B	Mechanical failure	Kabul	USAF Accident report (http://usaf.aib.law.af.mil/ExecSum2010/MQ1B_19%20Sep%2010.pdf)
31 Aug 2010	USAF MQ-9 Reaper		US California	Press Report (http://www.defence-update.net/wordpress/20100901_mq-9-reaper-lost-in-the-california-desert.html)

16 Aug 2010	USAF Predator MQ-1B	Pilot error	Balad Airbase, Iraq	USAF Accident report (http://usaf.aib.law.af.mil/ExecSum2010/MO1B_16%20Aug%2010.pdf)
29 Jul 2010	Boeing A160T unmanned helicopter		Boeing test facility, California	Press Report (http://www.defpro.com/news/details/17998/)
28 Jul 2010	USAF Predator MQ-1B		New Mexico	USAF Accident report (http://usaf.aib.law.af.mil/ExecSum2010/MO1B_28%20Jul%2010.pdf)
16 Jul 2010	Heron UAV		Canada	Press Report (http://www.news1130.com/news/national/article/78620--unmanned-aerial-vehicle-crashes-at-alberta-military-base-no-injuries)
? July 2010	Australian Heron		Alberta, Canada	Press Report (http://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/news/national/defence-in-spy-plane-cover-up/story-e6freuzr-1225912533299)
4 June 2010-	Australian Heron		Kandhar	Press Report (http://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/news/national/defence-in-spy-plane-cover-up/story-e6freuzr-1225912533299)
20 Apr 2010	USAF MQ-1B Predator	Pilot error	US, California	USAF Accident Investigation (http://www.airforce-magazine.com/SiteCollectionDocuments/Reports/2010/August%202010/Day23/AIB_MO-1_Crash_082010.pdf)
Mar 14 2010	USAF MQ-1B Predator		South Afghanistan	Press Report (http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/world/la-fg-drone-crashes-20100706.0.208293.full.story)
Feb 09 2010	USAF MQ-1B Predator		Eastern Afghanistan	Press Report (http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/world/la-fg-drone-crashes-20100706.0.208293.full.story)
Jan 24 2010	US Predator ?		Pakistan	Press Report (http://edition.cnn.com/2010/WORLD/asiapcf/01/25/pakistan.crash/)
Jan 14 2010	USAF MQ-1B Predator		Southern Afghanistan	USAF Accident Investigation (http://usaf.aib.law.af.mil/index.html)
Jan 13 2010	Italian Predator MQ-1B		Italy	Press Report (http://www.flightglobal.com/articles/2010/01/18/337273/italy-investigates-loss-of-upgraded-predator-uav.html)
2009				
Dec 13 2009	USAF Hunter UAV		Afghanistan	Wikileaks War Logs Report (http://warlogs.wikileaks.org/id/0x080e000001257a5acf8d160d2708837f/)
Nov 22 2009	USAF MQ-1B Predator			USAF Accident Investigation (http://usaf.aib.law.af.mil/index.html)
Nov 14 2009	Armed uav – type unknown		Afghanistan	Wikileaks War Logs Report (http://warlogs.wikileaks.org/id/0x080e00000124f33aebcf160d2fab87b5/)
Oct 3 2009	USAF MQ-1B Predator			USAF Accident Investigation (http://usaf.aib.law.af.mil/index.html)
Sep 24 2009	German LUNA		Afghanistan	Wikileaks War Logs Report (http://warlogs.wikileaks.org/id/2035E6BA-7B6A-4E18-968F-FCB8C17E75B0/)
Sep 23 2009	Unknown (Watchkeeper?)		Parc Aberporth, Wales	Press Report (http://www.tivysideadvertiser.co.uk/news/4649103.Safety_fears_after_UAV_crash_at_Aberporth)
Sep 14 2009	USAF MQ-1B Predator crash	Mechanical failure	Iraq	USAF Accident Investigation (http://usaf.aib.law.af.mil/MO-1B_AOR_14%20Sep%2009.pdf) Wikileaks War Log Report (http://warlogs.wikileaks.org/id/B8A8EDB1-95F7-BF28-823A618D49089CE4/)
Sep 13 2009	Armed MQ-9 Reaper	Rogue drone shot down	Afghanistan	Press Report (http://tinyurl.com/nwjuc3)
Sep 11 2009	MQ-1 Predator		Holloman AFB, New Mexico	Press Report (http://tinyurl.com/qxwcbu)
Sep 04 2009	USAF MQ-1B Predator crash	Mechanical failure	Afghanistan	USAF Accident Investigation (http://usaf.aib.law.af.mil/MO-1B_AOR_4Sep09.pdf) Wikileaks War Logs Report (http://warlogs.wikileaks.org/id/7AD7E518-C0DA-48D8-8789-6F9E9FFDCB22/)
Aug 13 2009	USAF MQ-1B Predator crash	Mechanical failure	Iraq	USAF Accident Investigation (http://usaf.aib.law.af.mil/MO-1B_AOR_13Aug09.pdf)
Aug 12 2009	GNAT		Mosul, Iraq	Wikileaks War Log Report (http://warlogs.wikileaks.org/id/6F6003B6-ACC0-F587-36651B80D2EDD619/)
July 04 2009	USAF MQ-9 Reaper		Kandahar, Afghanistan	Wikileaks War Logs Report (http://warlogs.wikileaks.org/id/F631AB76-10C6-483E-9E6D-C16696E93979/)
Jun 02 2009	Hermes UAV	Engine Failure	Afghanistan	Wikileaks War Logs Report (http://warlogs.wikileaks.org/id/E8B3391F-B101-46AD-B63A-0CD9CD582138/)
May 13 2009	USAF MQ-1B Predator crash	Unknown – no wreckage found	Afghanistan	USAF Accident Investigation (http://usaf.aib.law.af.mil/MO-1B_AOR_13May09.pdf)
May 08 2009	USAF MQ-1B Predator crash	Weather and Mechanical failure	Ghazani, Afghanistan	USAF Accident Investigation (http://usaf.aib.law.af.mil/MO-1B_AOR_8May09.pdf)

Apr 28 2009	USAF MQ-1B Predator crash	Mechanical failure	Creech AFB, Nevada	USAF Accident Investigation (http://usaf.aib.law.af.mil/MO-1B_Creech_28Apr09.pdf)
Apr 20 2009	USAF MQ-1B Predator crash	Electrical failure	Afghanistan	USAF Accident Investigation (http://usaf.aib.law.af.mil/MO-1B_AOR_20Apr09.pdf)
Mar 14 2009	Canadian SPERWER		Afghanistan	Wikileaks War Logs Report (http://warlogs.wikileaks.org/id/DF5B85B3-BD43-4519-BA60-7D3716DE0F31/)
Mar 20 2009	USAF MQ-9 Reaper crash	Mechanical failure	Fort Irwin, California	USAF Accident Investigation (http://usaf.aib.law.af.mil/MQ-9_FortIrwin_20Mar09.pdf)
Feb 22 2009	USAF MQ-1B Predator	Electrical failure	Iraq	USAF Accident Investigation (http://usaf.aib.law.af.mil/MQ-1B_AOR_22Feb09.pdf) Wikileaks War Logs Report (http://warlogs.wikileaks.org/id/9FB8FD3C-0516-ACA0-B80A54338C683924/)
2008				
Dec 04 2008	USAF MQ-1B Predator		Balad, Iraq	Wikileaks War Logs Report (http://warlogs.wikileaks.org/id/18052594-B798-94A3-111246631ACD9C4A/)
Nov 20 2008	USAF MQ-1B Predator crash		Afghanistan	Wikileaks War Logs Report (http://warlogs.wikileaks.org/id/13EB3D88-7AB7-4617-B161-EE7BF1CF4704/)
Nov 02 2008	USAF MQ-1B Predator crash	Pilot error	Kanhahar, Afghanistan	USAF Accident Investigation (http://usaf.aib.law.af.mil/MQ-1B_AOR_2Nov08.pdf)
Oct 25 2008	SPERWER UAV		Afghanistan	Wikileaks War Logs Report (http://warlogs.wikileaks.org/id/8810D2A0-3BA8-4405-B8B8-9C3CD67273C1/)
Oct 21 2008	Canadian SPERWER UAV		Afghanistan	Wikileaks War Logs Report (http://warlogs.wikileaks.org/id/0x080e0000011be38bc932160d4dbfd5e1/)
Aug 19 2008	USAF MQ-1B Predator crash	Mechanical failure	Iraq	USAF Accident Investigation (http://usaf.aib.law.af.mil/MQ-1B_AOR_19Oct08.pdf)
Aug 01 2008	USAF MQ-1B Predator crash	Electrical failure	Balad, Iraq	USAF Accident Investigation (http://usaf.aib.law.af.mil/MQ-1B_AOR_1Aug08.pdf) Wikileaks War Logs Report (http://warlogs.wikileaks.org/id/7EDADED4-EC8D-B1E5-D077F476050B5D72/)
Jul 21 2008	USAF MQ-1B Predator crash	Hazardous weather	Iraq	USAF Accident Investigation (http://usaf.aib.law.af.mil/MQ-1B_AOR_21Jul08.pdf)
Jun 02 2008	USAF MQ-1B Predator crash	Electrical failure	Balad, Iraq	USAF Accident Investigation (http://usaf.aib.law.af.mil/MQ-1B_AOR_2Jun08.pdf) Wikileaks War Logs Report (http://warlogs.wikileaks.org/id/4C08B1C7-A91F-885C-80571B09EA4DD7BB/)
May 02 2008	USAF MQ-1B Predator crash	Engine failure	Iraq	USAF Accident Investigation (http://usaf.aib.law.af.mil/MQ-1B_AOR_2May08.pdf) Wikileaks War Logs Report (http://warlogs.wikileaks.org/id/A7C39C1E-1143-D62E-D117EE19050FEE7E/)
Apr 09 2008	USAF MQ-1B Predator crash	Mechanical failure	Iraq	USAF Accident Investigation (http://usaf.aib.law.af.mil/MQ-1B_AOR_2Apr08.pdf)
Apr 09 2008	RAF MQ-9 Reaper	Mechanical failure	Afghanistan	Press Report (http://www.defensenews.com/story.php?i=3487241)
Jan 13 2008	Unknown	Crashed into Airport terminal	Iraq	Wikileaks War Logs Report (http://warlogs.wikileaks.org/id/7279BDC0-1143-D62E-D1BE6012CB909CBE/)
2007				
Dec 11 2007	Boeing A160T unmanned helicopter		California	Press Report (http://www.flpress.com/report/)
Dec 17 2007	USAF MQ-1B Predator	Power system failure	Iraq	USAF Accident Investigation (http://usaf.aib.law.af.mil/MQ-1B_AOR_17Dec07.pdf) Wikileaks War Logs Report (http://warlogs.wikileaks.org/id/E8851A7C-9312-754A-C7219065B182BDD9/)
Nov 29 2007	USAF MQ-1L Predator	Communication failure	Iraq	USAF Accident Investigation (http://usaf.aib.law.af.mil/MQ-1L_AOR_29Nov07.pdf)
Aug 20 2007	USAF MQ-1B Predator			USAF Accident Investigation (http://usaf.aib.law.af.mil/indexFY07.html)
Jul 31 2007	USAF MQ-1L Predator	Engine failure	Iraq	USAF Accident Investigation (http://usaf.aib.law.af.mil/MQ-1L_AOR_31Jul07.pdf)
Jul 30 2007	USAF MQ-1B Predator	Engine failure	Iraq	USAF Accident Investigation (http://usaf.aib.law.af.mil/MQ-1B_Balad_30Jul07.pdf)
Mar 26 2007	USAF MQ-1B Predator	Pilot error	Afghanistan	USAF Accident Investigation (http://usaf.aib.law.af.mil/MQ-1B_AOR_26Mar07.pdf)
Jan 17 2007	USAF MQ-1B Predator	Engine failure	Iraq	Wikileaks War Logs Report (http://warlogs.wikileaks.org/id/31F202D6-5056-9023-5818CEE44ED98359/) USAF Accident Investigation (http://usaf.aib.law.af.mil/MQ-1B_17Jan07.pdf)

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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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