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The Alphabet of Assassination

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A guide to the acronyms, abbreviations, and initialisms used in **The Drone Papers**. We defer to definitions provided in the source text where available; other interpretations are based on open source material.

A

ABI – Activity-Based Intelligence

ADNI/SRA –

Asst. Director of National Intelligence for Systems and Resource Analyses

AF/AFG – Afghanistan

AFO – Advance Force Operations

AFRICOM – U.S. Africa Command

ANSF – Afghan National Security Forces

AO – Area of Operations

AOR – Area of Responsibility

AQ – Al Qaeda

AQ FAC – Al Qaeda Facilitator

AQIM – Al Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb

AQSL – Al Qaeda Senior Leadership

AP – Arabian Peninsula

APG – Aerial Precision Geolocation
AUMF – Authorization for Use of Military Force (2001)

B

BBC – Baseball Card
BDA – Battle Damage Assessment
BDL – Bed-Down Location

C

CAOC – Combined Air and Space Operations Center
CAP – Combat Air Patrol
CAPE – Department of Defense Office of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation
CCMD – Combatant Command
CDE – Collateral Damage Environment
CELLEX – Cellular Exploitation
CF – Coalition Forces
CIVCAS – Civilian Casualties
CJSOTF – Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force
C-LRA – Counter-Lord's Resistance Army
CNO – Computer Network Operations
CoM – Chief of Mission (Ambassador)
COMINT – Communications Intelligence
CONOP – Concept of Operations
CoS – Chief of Station (CIA)
CT – Counterterrorism

D

DNR COMINT – Dial Number Recognition Communications Intelligence
DOD – Department of Defense
DOMEX – Document and Media Exploitation

E

EA – East Africa
EKIA – Enemy Killed in Action
EWIA – Enemy Wounded in Action

F

F3EA – Find, Fix, Finish, Exploit/Analyze
FFF – Find, Fix, Finish
FMV or HD FMV – Full Motion Video or High Definition Full Motion Video
FOB – Forward Operating Base
FS – Fire Scout (unmanned helicopter)
FVEY – Five Eyes

G

GCC – Geographic Combatant Command
GOCO – Government-Owned, Contractor-Operated

GSM – Global System for Mobile Communication

H

HN – Host Nation

HOA – Horn of Africa

HUJI – Harkat-ul-Jihad-al-Islami

HUMINT or HI – Human Intelligence

HVI – High-Value Individual

I

IC – Intelligence Community

IED – Improvised Explosive Device

IIR – Intelligence Information Report

IMINT – Imagery Intelligence

ISAF – International Security Assistance Force

IPB – Intelligence Preparation of the Battlespace

IPOE – Intelligence Preparation of the Operational Environment

ISR – Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance

IZ – Iraq

J

J2 – Intelligence Directorate of a Joint Staff

J5 – Plans Directorate of a Joint Staff

JP – Jackpot

JTL – Joint Target List

JWICS – Joint Worldwide Intelligence Communications System

JPEL – Joint Prioritized Effects List

L

LeT – Lashkar-e-Taiba

M

MAM – Military-Age Male

MARSOC – Marine Corps Special Operations Command

MC-12 – Manned surveillance aircraft

MEDEX – Media Exploitation

MFW – Medium Fixed-Wing (manned aircraft)

MQ-1 – General Atomics Predator drone

MQ-9 – General Atomics Reaper drone

N

NAI – Named Area of Interest

NAVAF – U.S. Naval Forces Africa

NSB – Yemeni National Security Bureau

O

OEF – Operation Enduring Freedom

OIF – Operation Iraqi Freedom
OBJ – Objective
ODTAAC – Outside a Defined Theater of Active Armed Conflict
OPTEMPO – Operational Tempo
OPSEC – Operations Security
OSD – Office of Secretary of Defense

P

PACOM – U.S. Pacific Command
PAX – Passengers
PDC/PC – Principals' Deputies Committee / Principals Committee
P-3 – P-3 Orion (manned surveillance plane)
PID – Positive Identification
PKM – Machine gun
PTT COMINT – Push-to-Talk Communications Intelligence
POL – Pattern of Life
POTUS – President of the United States

R

ROE – Rules of Engagement
ROYG – Republic of Yemen Government
RPA – Remotely Piloted Aircraft (drone)

S

SE – Scan Eagle (surveillance drone)
SECDEF – Secretary of Defense
SIGINT or SI – Signals Intelligence
SITREP – Situation Report
SME – Subject Matter Expert
SNA – Social Network Analysis
SOCOM – U.S. Special Operations Command
SRA – See ADNI/SRA

T

TADS – Terror Attack Disruption Strikes
TB – Taliban
TF – Task Force
TIR – Tactical Interrogation Report
TTP – Tactics, Techniques, Procedures; Tehrik-e Taliban Pakistan

U

U-28 – Manned surveillance plane

V

VBIED – Vehicle-Borne Improvised Explosive Device
VEO – Violent Extremist Organization
VID – Voice ID

