

DRONES AND TERRORISM – A NEW THREAT TO INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

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Abstract: Over time, terrorists have adopted various tactics and tools to carry out their attacks: shootings, bombings, hijackings, suicide attacks using suicide vests, vehicle ramming and many others. In addition to weapons, explosives, knives, chemical agents, cars or trucks, the newest weapon used by terrorists is the drone. Devices of the latest technology, not very expensive, easy to handle from a distance, drones are a new, unexpected instrument used in terrorist attacks. Suddenly, the international community is facing a new kind of threat that it will have to counter. The use of drones by the terrorist organizations is already a certainty. Al-Qaeda, Talibans, Houthis, Jaysh Al-Fath, Hezbollah, Hamas, ISIS are some of the groups that have used and continue to use weaponized drones. One of the most known terrorist attacks using drones is the attempt to assassinate the Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro. Being easy to buy, easy to modify depending on the purpose for which they are intended to be used, easy to handle and difficult to detect, in the wrong hands it could become feared weapons that threaten people's lives. This is why weaponized drones used by terrorists have become a major concern for both the US and the European Union, both countries being interested in the security of their citizens.

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