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‘US targeted killing: investigating civilian harm’

Speakers:

Amrit Singh

Open Society Justice Initiative and author of ‘Death by Drone’

Jennifer Gibson

Drones lead, Reprieve, and author of ‘You never Die Twice’

Chris Woods

Director of Airwars and author of ‘Sudden Justice’

5pm, Tuesday 23 June 2015
Committee Room 13, Palace of Westminster

The APPG on Drones is pleased to host a meeting with the authors of two new reports examining civilian harm and an expose of America’s secret drone wars by an award-winning investigative journalist. Amrit Singh is Senior Legal Officer at the Open Society Justice Initiative’s National Security and Counterterrorism Programme and author of ‘Death by Drone’ a report on civilian harm caused by US targeted killings in Yemen. The report includes a section on the UK and other foreign governments’ reported participation in the US drone programme, and gives recommendations to US, Yemen and other states.

Jennifer Gibson is co-author of the Stanford report ‘Living Under Drones’ which identified the practice of ‘signature strikes,’ and author of Reprieve’s ‘You Never Die Twice,’ which examines multiple kills of some terrorist suspects listed on the US Kill List. Jennifer was a Commissioner on the Birmingham Policy Commission ‘The Security Impact of Drones’ chaired by Sir Professor Omand. Chris Woods’ book ‘Sudden Justice’ offers an in-depth account of covert drone warfare, drawing from interviews with the pilots, analysts, Special Forces officials and Pentagon Commanders who have fought America’s secret wars, as well as civilians whose families have been affected by US drone use and targeted killing.

The presentation will be followed by a discussion on whether and how the UK can support the creation of formal mechanisms for investigation into allegations of civilian harm and the provision of appropriate compensation. All members of both Houses and their staff are welcome to attend.

Chair: Baroness Vivien Stern

