al-Qaeda third in command is killed in Pakistan

al-Qaeda reported to US intelligence and The Washington Post reported the breaking news to their subscribers.

News Alert: Third-ranking al-Qaeda operative believed killed in Pakistan by CIA drone
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Al-Qaeda's third-ranking operative, an Egyptian who was a founding member of the terrorist network and a key conduit to Osama bin Laden, has been killed in Pakistan, according to a statement from al-Qaeda that U.S. intelligence officials believe is accurate.

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Search term: **third killed** This has to be a messy search. I believe al-Qaeda will be left out of many messages because most of us cannot spell it. And there are two acceptable ways to spell it. It also seems that many messages would leave out Pakistan as not important enough to included. So I went with the simplest I could come up with after experimenting with various combinations.

I am going to send the search to Archivist online.

The first search produced 287 messages. I was pretty early with the search. I did mine at 11:15 p.m. CDT only a couple of hours after the breaking news story. Most of the messages were from the 31st, but there were some earlier. The earlier ones had nothing to do with this incident. A similar conflation of this and other events is likely to occur as tweets about this event wind down. Messy.

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