

The 15-Second Window

A well-protected terrorist leader presented a very limited window for aerial attack. A successful strike had to take place within a narrow 15-second window, when the target departed a highway on his motor-

cycle but before he entered the courtyard of his home. Adding to the complexity, the target had a choice between two routes during that 15 seconds.

- 1 Reaper One is the lead aircraft and begins timing calculations to maneuver into position.

Reaper One views Reaper Three's video feed to determine if the target will be delayed at the intersection.

- 3 Reaper Three watches the intersection on Route B.

Motorcyclist takes Route B. Reaper Two sends target's distance and speed while Reaper Three updates intersection traffic. Reaper One maneuvers into the 15-second window and eliminates the target with no collateral damage.

- 2 Reaper Two follows the target motorcyclist as he travels to the engagement site.

Route A has no intersection before target leaves the road.

Route B has an intersection before the target leaves the main road. If the target is delayed, it could throw off timing.

