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## Women's groups to deliver abortion pills into Poland by drone

**Poland prohibits having an abortion except in cases of rape, incest or danger to the mother's life**

Women's right groups are planning to use a loophole in the Polish law, which prohibits having an abortion, and fly abortion pills by drone over the border with Germany.

The "abortion drone" will be piloted to the border town of Slubice, where its cargo will be picked up by local women's groups.

Poland, which has strict Roman Catholic laws, permits abortion only if there is proof of rape or incest or if the mother's life is endangered by the pregnancy.

But although it is illegal to take abortion pills, it is not illegal to fly them into the country's limits – prompting the "abortion drone" action.

"We want to create awareness about women's right to a safe abortion," Rebecca Gomperts, a doctor and founder of non-profit medical activism group Women on Waves, told The Guardian. "The drone is another way to use the different laws in different countries in order to draw attention to the social injustice that women who are living in places where abortion is illegal are subject to."

"In Poland, even women who could have an abortion under Polish law are often denied it because Catholic hospitals don't help them, even if their life is in danger," Gomperts added. "Rich people can go to Germany or the UK to have abortions, but it's the women who don't have the means or access to information who are suffering."

The drone, which will not pass controlled airspace, is not for commercial purposes and weighs less than 5 kilograms does not require authorization by either the Polish or the German governments.

It is estimated at least 50,000 underground abortions take place in Poland each year.

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