



# It's A Bird! It's A Plane! It's The Abortion Drone!

'Abortion drone' to deliver pills to terminate pregnancies to women in Poland, where abortion is severely restricted

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By Tracy Clark-Flory on Jun 24, 2015 at 13:33 PM

Activists will fly an “[abortion drone](#)” from Germany to Poland this Saturday, where the procedure is severely restricted. “Drones can perform abortions now?” you might be thinking, but no, we are not living that far into the future. The drone is slated to carry the abortion-inducing pills mifepristone and misoprostol to women who might otherwise not be able to obtain them.

The mission is being undertaken by several reproductive rights organizations, including the Netherland-based Women on Waves, which usually provides services aboard a ship outside the waters of countries where abortion is illegal. Now, they're adding drones to their arsenal.

The drone, which will fly over a river between two border

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...pills in the mail or deliver them in person? But those approaches wouldn't court international media attention, while an abortion drone is a surefire way to bring awareness to the cause. (See, it worked!)

The cause in this case is reproductive rights in Poland, where terminating a pregnancy is forbidden, except in the case of rape, life-threatening complications or severe fetal abnormalities. The delivery of the abortion pills is legal, but actually using them is prohibited. Of course, that illegal act would require that the drone make it to Poland in the first place: Women on Waves says it has already received threats that it will be shot down.

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By Emily Feldman on Jun 24, 2015 at 12:32 PM

Demonstrators blocked a main road in Armenia's capital of Yerevan Wednesday for the third consecutive day, in protest of a steep electricity price increase that will soon hit citizens of the economically strapped country.

Photos on social media showed protesters milling around behind barricades of trash cans they built after riot police turned water cannons on them on Tuesday.

Some 240 people have been detained since police moved to break up what began as a peaceful sit-in late last week, [The Associated Press reported](#). By Tuesday evening, thousands were back in the streets—some with swimming gear in mock defiance of riot police who had doused protesters with water to disperse them earlier in the day.

On Wednesday, protesters reportedly rejected an offer from President Serge Sarkisian to meet and instead called on him to reverse his approval of a 16 percent electricity price hike—the country's [third electricity price hike in three years](#).

Activists and protesters tweeting under the hashtag [#ElectricYerevan](#), said they were prepared to remain on the streets until the price hike was reversed. “[Six] loaves of bread to resist hunger all night of sit-in,” [one protester tweeted](#) along with a photo of his provisions.

Others objected to comparisons between the Yerevan protests and the 2014 Maidan protests in Ukraine, another former Soviet state, pointing out that Armenia's demonstrations are strictly about economics.



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## Google Self-Driving Car Spotted On Public Road In California

This is the first reported sighting of the tech giant's highly-anticipated self-driving cars

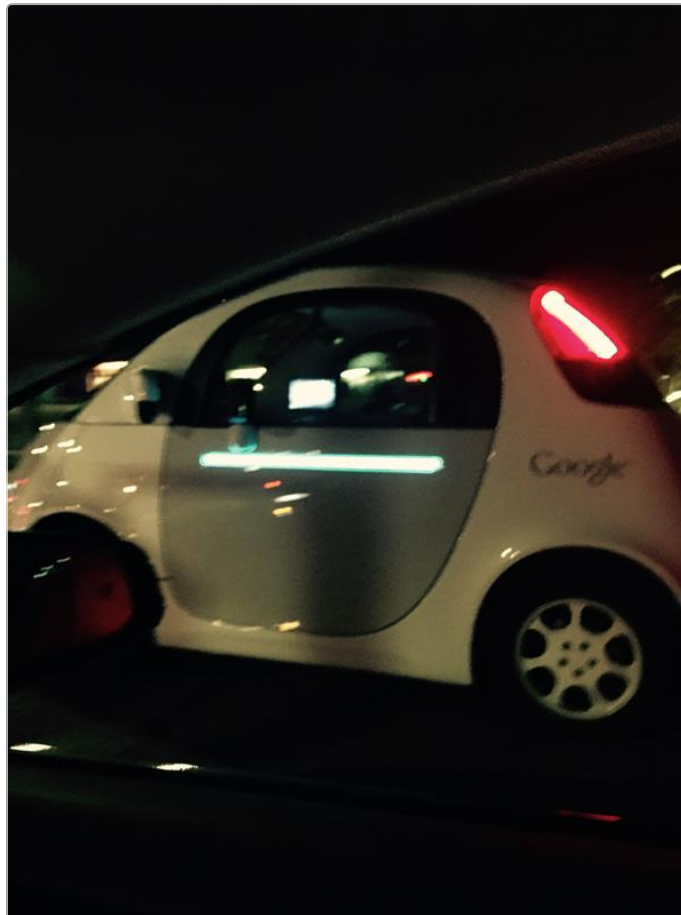
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By Or Schwartz on Jun 24, 2015 at 12:06 PM

Google's self-driving car was apparently spotted on public roads for the first time since the company's [May announcement](#) that it would be conducting tests of the prototype vehicle during the summer.

A tweet with a picture of the car was posted by Tynker CEO Krishna Vedati indicating that he spotted the vehicle shortly before 2 a.m. local time in Mountain View, California, on Wednesday.



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Vedati's image is too blurry to discern whether the car was being controlled by a person or if it was cruising in its autonomous mode. He did indicate in his tweet that the car appeared to be moving "without a steering wheel in action." This is the first reported occurrence of the highly-anticipated self-driving car moving about outside of its testing grounds.

Google announced in a May [blog post](#) that each vehicle's speed would be limited to 25 mph, with safety drivers controlling the car through a removable steering wheel, and gas and brake pedals. The post also indicated that a few prototype vehicles will "leave the test track and hit the familiar roads of Mountain View, Calif." this summer.

Social media is filled with pictures of Google's other self-driving cars, a white Lexus RX SUV and Toyota Prius, which it uses to test equipment. But no evidence of the newer vehicle being publicly tested have surfaced until now.

The California DMV recently released the details of six accidents which involved Google's self-driving cars on public roads. The vehicles involved however, were previous models, and the newer prototypes were not implicated.



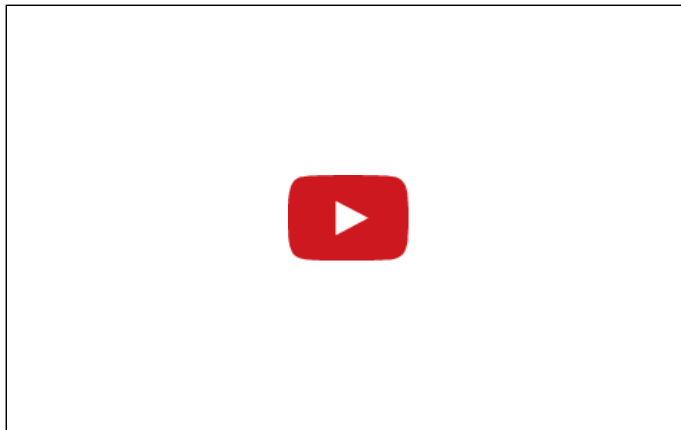
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