

# No to War – No to NATO

Nein zum Krieg – Nein zur NATO | Non à la Guerre – Non à L'OTAN | No a la Guerra – No a la OTAN

*“No to war – No to NATO” is an international network of groups and organizations across a wide political spectrum united in their opposition to NATO, NATO’s wars in Afghanistan, Libya, etc. and NATO’s increasingly aggressive global role. It was founded in the fall of 2008 to prepare the counter actions against NATO’s 60 anniversary summit 2009 in Strasbourg/Kehl. It is open to all groups and organizations who share our opposition to NATO, as long as they do not support oppressive regimes or ideologies, and do not practice or endorse racism, sexism, and other forms of discrimination. All groups involved in the movement are in support for the network’s Stuttgart Appeal. They are committed to exclusively use non-violent means in its activities against NATO: demonstrations, civil disobedience and nonviolent direct action, conferences, education, and other activities. Our struggle against NATO is part of a movement for a more peaceful and just world.*

*To achieve our vision of a peaceful world, we reject military responses to global and regional crises – these are part of the problem, not part of the solution. We reject all attacks on international law and the sidelining of the United Nations. We refuse to live under the terror of nuclear weapons, and reject the announced cancellation of the INF treaty and new arms race. A drastic decrease of military expenditure and a world without nuclear weapons are necessary – instead resources should be directed to meeting human needs. We have to close down all foreign military bases, and all military structures used for war and military intervention.*

*We call for the abolition of NATO: it needs to be dissolved and dismantled. We must democratize and demilitarize the relations between peoples, push for conflict resolution and common security, and establish new forms of peaceful cooperation to build a more secure and just world.*

*More information on our website:*

[www.no-to-nato.org](http://www.no-to-nato.org)

## **Days of Resistance against NATO and in memory of Martin Luther King in Washington DC March 30+31 and April 3+4 2019**

Several national and international groups and networks are planning and preparing actions against NATO in Washington DC on the weekend of March 30/31 and Wednesday April 3<sup>rd</sup> as well as April 4<sup>th</sup>.

Demonstrations, a counter-summit and conferences, nonviolence training, big art display, actions of civil disobedience, a festival and events in memory of Martin Luther King are currently under consideration.

The international network will support all actions against NATO as long as they are in line with our principles and will be announced them on our website: [www.no-to-nato.org/calender-of-peace-activities](http://www.no-to-nato.org/calender-of-peace-activities)

## Call for Actions on NATO Summit 2019

**NATO turns 70 in 2019 and will celebrate its anniversary on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2019 in Washington DC. The international network No to War – No to NATO calls for broad, creative and peaceful actions against NATO in Washington DC and worldwide. NATO is obsolete, it belongs in the dustbin of history!**

*NATO claims to strive for collective defense and for the preservation of peace and security.* But, NATO has never been such a system. It is the largest military alliance in the world with the largest military spending and nuclear stockpiles. It is both the main driver for a new arms race and the main obstacle to a nuclear weapons-free world. Since the end of the Cold War, NATO has been transformed into a global alliance structured to wage “out of area” wars in Asia, the Middle East and North Africa, as well as to “contain” China. Having military troops at the Russian border, new nuclear weapons and a missile defense shield, it is a key driver for confrontation with Russia and a perpetrator of the corrosive “enemy” narrative.

*NATO claims to seek to promote stability and well-being in the North Atlantic area.* But, NATO’s heads of state agreed that military spending should amount to 2% of national GDPs. Their unchallenged military spending – NATO members already spend almost 1 trillion US dollars per year – will be increased by billions of US dollars. This should instead be spent for the well-being of the people in the North Atlantic area and beyond. Raising living standards and improving people’s lives must be prioritized over weapons and war which create instability and exacerbate social injustice, deprivation and environmental destruction.

*NATO claims to be determined to safeguard the freedom, common heritage and civilization of their peoples, founded on the principles of democracy, individual liberty and the rule of law.* But NATO neglects these values and principles. It has been waging illegal wars in Afghanistan, Libya, and the former Yugoslavia and it provides its members with infrastructure for military interventions. In opposition to the International Court of Justice and the majority of the international community of states it adheres to nuclear weapons, nuclear “deterrence”, and the “right” to a nuclear first strike. NATO members’ agencies spy on its people in an unprecedented, almost all-encompassing manner, and NATO members suppress population groups by “rule of law” or even with violence.

*NATO claims to reaffirm its faith in the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and its desire to live in peace with all peoples and all governments.* But NATO sidelines and undermines the UN at several levels. It has expanded, via numerous partnership programs, to a global network, creates “coalitions of the willing” to wage war, and ignores decisions of the UN Security Council.

NATO and a just, peaceful and sustainable world are incompatible.

NATO’s claims are dishonest. It is an unjust, undemocratic, violent and aggressive alliance trying to shape the world for the benefit of a few. On 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1968, one day before his assassination, Martin Luther King Jr. stated that “It is no longer a choice between violence and nonviolence in this world; it’s nonviolence or nonexistence. That is where we are today.” NATO’s choice is violence. 41 years later we state loud and clear: “it’s the dissolution of NATO or nonexistence. That is where we are today!”

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peace! The times are serious.

The protests around and at the Air Base Ramstein 2019 must set an unmistakable sign of

congress, in the big demonstration and in the actions of civil disobedience.

- Come to Ramstein and participate in the actions, the camp, the international anti-bases
- Demonstrate with us for our common goals in Ramstein in June 2019.

### **Peace is not everything, but without peace there is nothing.**

in numerous peace actions, including the actions against Air Base Ramstein.

and against coal mining, against the reduction of democracy through police laws and also

actions, above all against racism and for solidarity with refugees, for climate protection

- We are all concerned with our future. We have been involved in actual civil society

yourself into the various actions. It is about our collective future.

- Who is still hesitant to get involved or has withdrawn: join the protests in 2019, bring

That is why we are addressing everyone:

We know: We must become even more - in the region and everywhere.

Germany! We have become a movement!

big, manifold, colorful, peaceful actions, the biggest actions in front of a military base in

We stand up and resisted the war logic of Air Base Ramstein - for more than four years with

international law, will be brought to an end.

war policy of the USA from German soil, which is contrary to constitutional law and

command center in Kalkar as well as the US nuclear weapons storage sites in Büchel, the

including the Air Base Ramstein with its drone relay station, EUCOM, AFRICOM, the NATO

two years all US and NATO military facilities on the territory of Germany are dissolved,

Republic of Germany in accordance with the contractually agreed period of 24 months. Within

Parliament: Terminate the treaty on the residence of foreign armed forces in the Federal

troop deployment agreement). We demand from the Federal Government and the German

stay of foreign armed forces in the Federal Republic of Germany (often referred to as the

- The best way to bring Air Base Ramstein to an end is to terminate the agreement on the

create meaningful jobs and a better quality of life for the people in the region.

that creates and secures civilian jobs. Overcoming the deadly activities of the Air Base will

- For the closure of Air Base Ramstein together with a comprehensive conversion program

We are committed - with persistence and patience - for peace:

through weapons and war.

earth easier, better and more worth living, but it would not be the end of death and suffering

**Base Ramstein.** The end of the drone war would make the lives of millions of people on

**As an immediate step we demand: End drone warfare! Close the relay station at Air**

minority of arms and war profiteers.

**many and not for the few":** For the people of this planet and against the profit of a small

must become louder: We want peace and disarmament everywhere in the world! **"For the**

We say no - loudly, clearly and over and over again. What has been said a thousand times



Stop Air Base Ramstein No drone wars!

Stop Air Base Ramstein The fight is international

Action week 2019 | 20 – 30 June 2019

**Save the date: June 28th, 2019 Kaiserslautern  
Special invitation for the 3<sup>rd</sup> international No Military Bases Congress**

As in previous years, there will be an international anti-base congress in 2019. In addition to the members of our international advisory board and representatives of anti-base initiatives, we also hope for anti-base activists not only from Okinawa, South Korea or Sicily, but also from neighboring countries to assist the event. This year we will also produce materials in English and French. For the meeting to become a truly productive exchange of experiences where we can learn from each other, we will also invite more activists from fights at military locations in Germany.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> international No Military Bases Congress is organized by the campaign "Stop Air Base Ramstein" and supported by the ICC of the International Network "No to war – No to NATO".

More information about agenda, speakers and location will be released soon on: [www.ramstein-kampagne.eu/](http://www.ramstein-kampagne.eu/) and [www.no-to-nato.org](http://www.no-to-nato.org)

## Campaign Stop Air Base Ramstein: Call for protest actions 2019 against war and drone death

Protest with us

- against the drone war, which starts daily from German soil, and the procurement of killer drones by the Federal Government of Germany.
- against the US Air Base Ramstein. With its diverse command structures, the Air Base is the operational, command and control authority for worldwide war operations for the USA/NATO and a logistics center for wars. It is the headquarter of the US Air Force operations in Europe and Africa. From Ramstein, war is ordered, organized and conducted.
- against the policy of confrontation especially against Russia, which also conducted via the Air Base Ramstein. The Air Base is the operational center for the so-called missile defense system directed against Russia. NATO troops and maneuvers on the border of Russia are also coordinated via Ramstein Air Base.
- against an increasingly unbearable military burden on nature and the environment, which leads to serious health problems, especially for the population in the region of Kaiserslautern.

Air Base Ramstein stands for militarism, armament and warfare for the USA and NATO as well as for Germany, whose government we address with our demands.