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JOIN THE ANARCHIST BARRIO AT THE RHEINMETALL ENTWÄFFNEN CAMP IN COLOGNE

Anarchists in the Anti-War-Movement!

Spread anarchist ideas among the people!

Against war, against colonialism, against exploitation, against domination!

We call for a presence of antiauthoritarian, autonomous and anarchist individuals and groups on the Rheinmetall Entwaffnen Camp from 25th of August to 31st of August 2025 in Cologne. The proposal is to organize according to our ideas of a free society in a self-organized and horizontal way from below.

With the fear and anger about war, opposition grows against those who wage it. With antagonistic ideas, potential for resistance grows. In the resistance, the search for options to counter the states' and capital's attacks on us, there is the place of the radical movement for liberation and there it spreads its ideas of solidarity, equality and freedom.

The visibly growing militarism and warmongering is not an isolated phenomenon or perversion of a system. It is the real face of capitalism and an authoritarian and patriarchal society. It is a continuous condition of the world where ideas of profit and exploitation achieve to dominate the territory and lives and relations in depth. While for many parts of the world, war is recognized but also opposed as a cruel normality, other parts like central Europe are confronted now with the new reality of a system that dropped its facade almost entirely.

But even this facade had proven often as fragile and vulnerable when the underlying system of oppression and domination was under counter attack. Struggles against gentrification, environmental destruction, patriarchy, racism, nationalism and colonialism have showed again and again the true face of that system and its power structures, that treat the earth and live only as a source for the accumulation of capital and wage war against any obstacle in its way.

Gentrification and environmental destruction are nothing less than the systematic weakening of people, their necessities of life and their relations in order to make them governable. Patriarchy and racism in their core function are a system that destroys solidarity between each other by dividing us based on origin as well as biological and psychological characteristics of people. Nationalism and colonialism are deeply connected to it and are a necessary condition of society in order to subject others to invasion, exploitation and destruction.

Since we as anarchists/autonomous have always opposed and will always fight against each form of oppression and exploitation, we should counter militarism. Not in order to moderate one or the other statist society in it's imperialist and chauvinist hype, but to be a radical opposition to undermine and sabotage further mass slaughter and genocide to the outside enemy and of division, integration and extinction of the class on the inside. In practical solidarity as people suffering from inflation, social and wage cuts, forced labor, authoritarianism and it's technologies, gentrification, patriarchy... and in practical solidarity with people that face imperialism, colonialism and genocide mainly in the form of bombs, drones, tanks, software and so on.

Therefore we don't need to invent new ways, new tools or strategies. Enough proposals have been made again lately. From sabotaging the war industry and the infrastructure to organizing interventions and demonstrations against events like the upcoming veterans day in Berlin to smashing or opposing recruitment events in public and officers in schools as well as the military advertising – every small and big action counts and will contribute to something that has the potential to become a powerful movement as we have seen many times in the past. In Cologne we will have time and space to inspire each other, to share skills, to establish or to strengthen networks of resistance and practically to confront some of the most notorious companies that profit directly from warmongering and slaughter.

The struggle and memories of generations of fighters that have lived and died for the cause of winning against the dictatorships' and democracies' war against the people will illuminate our paths and strengthen our own dedication.

It's also in their memory that we call for a convergence of anarchists and antiauthoritarians of all kinds in Cologne on an anarchist/autonomous space inside of the Rheinmetall Entwaffnen Camp.

Anarchists/Autonomous for the Rheinmetall Entwaffnen Camp Barrio.

**Barrio: Spanish for "neighborhood." In the context of this camp, a Barrio refers to a designated area organized and built by anarchist groups and individuals. Each Barrio will feature its own infrastructure, event space, info-tables and tents, serving as a collective space for living, co-existing and self-organization.*