

Week of Action against NATO
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No to NATO – No to War

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NATO is an increasing obstacle to achieving world peace. Since the end of the Cold War, NATO has reinvented itself as a tool for military action by the “international community”, including the promotion of the so-called “war on terror”. In reality it is a vehicle for US-led use of force with military bases on all continents, bypassing the United Nations and the system of international law, accelerating militarization and escalating arms expenditure – NATO countries account for 75% of global military expenditure. Pursuing that expansionist agenda since 1991, designed to advance strategic and resource interests, NATO has waged war in the Balkans, under the guise of so-called “humanitarian war”, and has waged almost nine years of brutal war in Afghanistan, where the tragic situation is escalating and the war has expanded into Pakistan.

In Europe NATO is worsening tensions, feeding the arms race with so-called “missile defence”, a massive nuclear arsenal and a nuclear first strike policy. EU policy is increasingly tied to NATO. NATO’s ongoing and potential expansion into eastern Europe and beyond, and its “out of area” operations are making the world a more dangerous place. The conflict in the Caucasus is a clear indication of the dangers. Each advance of the NATO border increases the possibility of war, including the use of nuclear weapons.

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 refuse to live under the terror of nuclear weapons, and reject a new arms race. We must decrease military expenditure – directing resources instead to meeting human needs. We must close down all foreign military bases. We oppose all military structures used for military intervention. We must democratise and demilitarise the relations between peoples and establish new forms of peaceful cooperation to build a more secure and just world.

At the NATO summit in Portugal, NATO will decide on a new strategy. The new NATO strategy will include the continuation of the war in Afghanistan, interventions against other countries, expansion into the East and the North, and the continuing implementation of nuclear weapons. The threat at hand is that the use and modernization of nuclear weapons will continue to be a central part of the new strategy.

The international peace movement and other movements will protest against these war-mongering policies and call for the abolition of NATO.

Week of Action

Wednesday and Thursday:

Local and regional actions and events

Friday and Sunday:

International Congress: Counter Summit against War and NATO

Strategy organized by the network No to War – No to NATO together with PAGAN and many other Portuguese organizations.

Saturday:

International Demonstration -- No to War – No to NATO

The new NATO strategy is a continuation and amplification of the old war oriented policy of NATO!

We say NO!



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