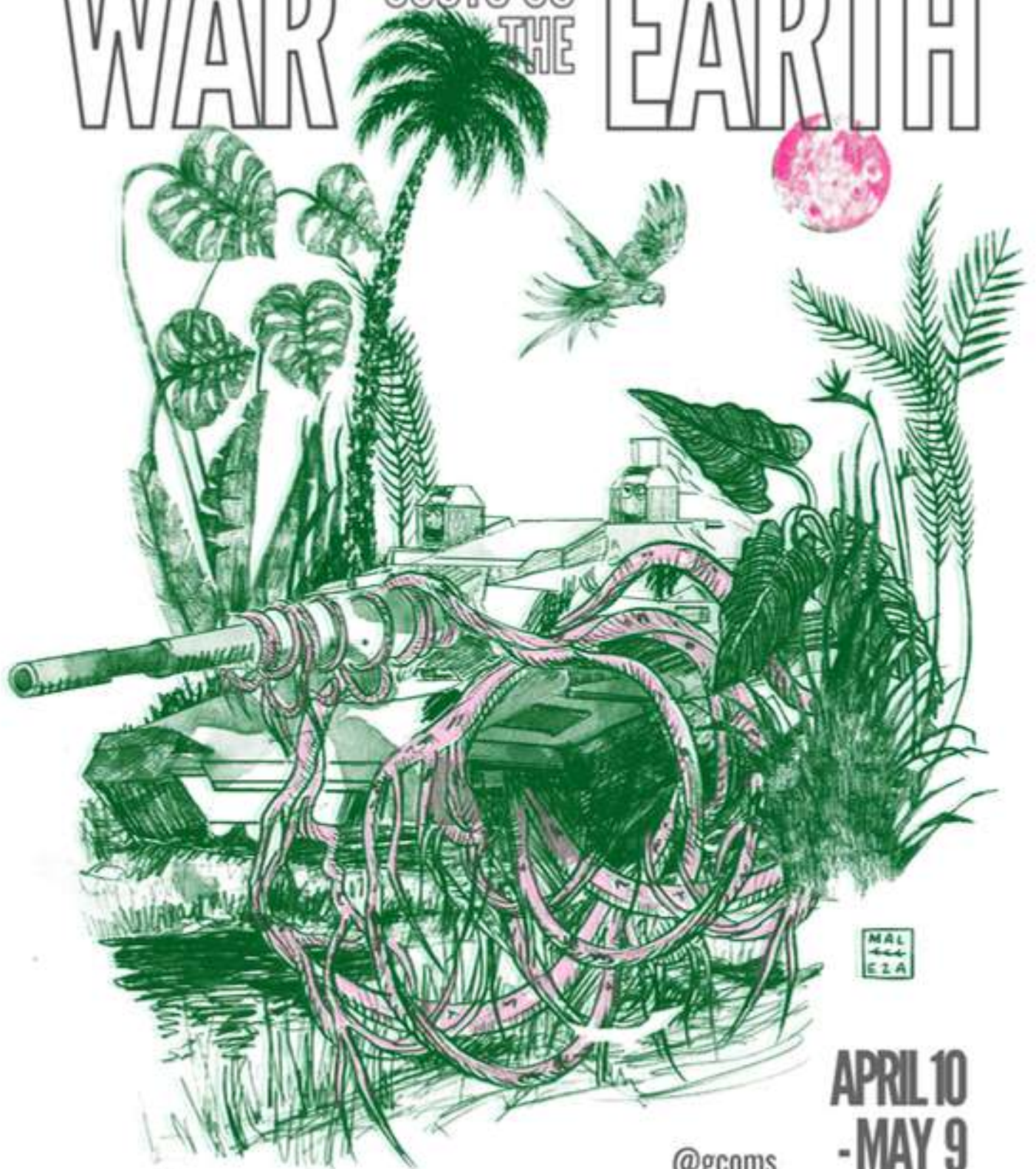




GDAMS REPORT 2026



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Global Days of Action
on Military Spending

2026

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INTRODUCTION

The Global Campaign on Military Spending (GCOMS) is an international campaign promoted by the International Peace Bureau and founded in December 2014.

The overall goal of the GCOMS is to push governments to achieve major re-allocations of military expenditures (specially in high-spending countries) to 5 broad alternative areas:

- **Peace**, disarmament, conflict prevention and resolution, common and human security;
- **Sustainable development** and anti-poverty programs;
- **Climate change and biodiversity mitigation** and adaptation;
- **Public services and social justice**, human rights, gender equality and green job-creation;
- **Humanitarian programs** to support the most vulnerable groups.

All the above are parts of a wide global transformation towards a Culture of Peace. By convincing governments to invest money in the sectors of health, education, employment and climate emergencies rather than the military, this campaign aims at building human security structures worldwide and at the same time puts a stop to war and destruction.

GCOMS also intends to involve as many citizens and organizations as possible in an open and robust debate on the **counterproductive results of military expenditure**.

Since it started in 2011, the Global Days of Action on Military Spending (GDAMS) have been a spring event that takes place in April and May every year. GDAMS are coordinated by the International Peace Bureau (IPB) offices in Berlin and Barcelona and have a Steering Group, being the annual highlight of the GCOMS. This special period of action aims to raise public awareness on the huge amount of public money allocated to the military sector and on the necessity to redirect these funds to human and environmental needs.

It was decided that the GDAMS actions would take place (firstly during a day, afterwards during a few weeks) near the U.S. Tax Day and the yearly publication of SIPRI's data on worldwide military expenditure. This is a particularly good timing: during these days the biggest world military spender is collecting taxes, while SIPRI is publishing its report and drawing attention to the issue.

The objective of GDAMS is to alert the public about the fact that their money is being used to fund the military industry rather than social services such as education, health or culture. Moreover, with this campaign, IPB aims to promote a new culture of peace, where international tensions and conflicts could be transformed by diplomacy, dialogue and cooperation rather than with violence or the threat of it, in accordance with a common security paradigm.

To advance this goal, the campaign mobilizes people around the world through public awareness activities, both online and in person. We strengthened and expanded our social media presence to share timely, practical, and reliable information and build connections with global partners and audiences. As these activities mainly target citizens, they often invite them to reflect on the impact military spending has on their daily lives and the alternatives they can think of.



OVERVIEW

The Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) released data on global military spending for 2025, which showed a new growth in military spending, reaching **\$2.88 trillion**, an increase of 2.9% compared to last year, marking **the 11th consecutive year of growth and the highest spending level ever recorded by SIPRI**.

This edition of the Global Days of Action on Military Spending took place from April 10th to May 9th, and the following is an overview of the main dates:

- **April 9: Launch Event (online) & Info Session** – An info session and a launch event to learn about the campaign, its origins, and how to get involved.
- **April 10: GDAMS Start** – 1st list of Appeal endorsements and infographic launch.
- **April 15: Tax Day in the USA** – Webinar on US Milex with William Hartung, David Vine and others.
- **April 18-19: Weekend of Action** – Weekend of concentration of events, protests, conferences and social media storms on the increase in military spending.
- **April 22: Earth Day & Day of Action for Peace and Climate Justice** – Day dedicated to highlight how military spending and militarism are driving the climate crisis.
- **April 27: Release of new global military spending data by SIPRI (figures for 2025)** – Media moment to share the new data and launch actions.
- **May 1 – May Day (Workers' Day)** – Day dedicated to engage with workers' movements and trade unions to highlight the connection between military spending, social justice, and workers' rights.
- **May 9: Europe's Day of Peace** – The final day of GDAMS and a key moment for mobilization, especially across Europe.

On this edition, the GDAMS campaign demonstrated a large engagement and dedication, proved by the following data:

200+

Organizations joined the GDAMS Appeal

22

Countries hosted GDAMS actions

70+

GDAMS Actions

10

Online events

GDAMS 2026 APPEAL

The global security landscape has deteriorated massively in recent years: the number of wars and violent armed conflicts active today is the highest since the end of World War II, erupting across the world and drawing in an unprecedented number of states and actors. From Gaza and the West Bank, Sudan, and the Democratic Republic of Congo, to Ukraine, Venezuela, Iran, and beyond, levels of violence, civilian suffering, and violations of international law have reached heinous heights, including the commission of genocide.

This surge in conflict and violence is neither accidental nor inevitable, it reflects a broader resurgence of imperialism and militarization, spearheaded by the United States, in which brute force, military might and coercion have become dominant tools of international relations. Powerful states and regional actors continue to fuel wars – not only through direct intervention but also through extensive arms transfers, strategic alliances and geopolitical competition – prioritizing narrow interests over human security and peace. Nuclear armed states have resumed a new and accelerating nuclear arms race with countries overtly shaping foreign policies around the most inhumane weapon ever created. Likewise, the proliferation of new military technologies from drones and AI to space and sonic weaponry which are now being tested on the battlefield, have accelerated a new arms race with no international agreements or restrictions to their use.

The result is a fractured world order in which international law and multilateral institutions struggle to constrain violence and uphold basic norms. Civilians bear the brunt of this global militarization, while the systems designed to prevent atrocities and manage conflict, especially the United Nations, are increasingly undermined by – now heightened – double standards, weak enforcement, funding cuts, disregard for existing treaties, and the pervasive influence of war profiteering. Gaza has been the most visible and atrocious example of the application of this paradigm, where we are now two and a half years into the first livestreamed genocide in human history, and with Israel's impunity and support by the West still, for the most part, unchallenged.

This new global insecurity is being driven by ever-increasing global military expenditure. Year-upon-year record levels of military spending are increasing the risk of conflicts with no concern for the global challenges that pose real threats to people all across the world, including accelerating climate breakdown, deepening inequality, or chronically underfunded essential public services. This reveals a stark misalignment of priorities: ever more money for weapons, and ever less for human security, climate action, foreign aid, healthcare, decent jobs, housing, education, and public infrastructure. While communities face a cost of living crisis with rising inflation and a shrinking social safety net that places the heaviest burden on the working class, escalating militarization and military spending – frequently justified in the name of security – divert resources from the peaceful development that gives people meaningful employment, dignity, and safety.

War does not bring security, neither abroad nor at home. Instead, its consequences rebound domestically in highly militarized countries, manifesting in authoritarianism, repression, intensified surveillance, loss of democratic freedoms, police militarization and the aforementioned cuts to vital public services, all together generating new insecurities.

Fueled by these trends, a growing far-right promotes increasingly aggressive and openly supremacist discourses and policies, targeting precisely those most affected by these trends and intensifying a climate of fear which, in turn, paves the way for further militarization and securitization.

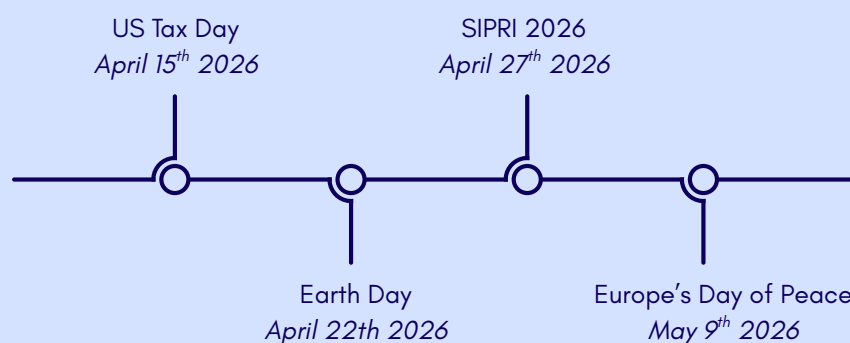
At the same time, accelerating militarization is reviving and expanding military service and conscription, pulling young people into systems of war rather than investing in their education, livelihoods, and future prospects.

Moreover, rising military spending is worsening the climate crisis, which alongside the threat of nuclear war represents an existential threat to humanity and the planet. Armed forces are major contributors to global greenhouse gas emissions, and have a key role in sustaining extractivism and protecting the interests of transnational corporations. Every increase in military budgets also means fewer resources for urgent climate action. But despite being part of the problem, militarization is the go-to solution of global economic and political elites. Furthermore, this paradigm erodes trust between countries, undermining the collective effort that the environmental crisis requires. All this bears the question: How are further increases in military spending going to make us safer? These militaristic policies have been tested over and over and the result has always been war, repression and distrust. How is doing the same going to give a different result this time?

Our answer is clear, and therefore:

- We urge governments to undertake major reductions to their military expenditure and redirect those funds to social and environmental sectors, tackling the global challenges of our time and funding human security.
- We call for urgent global disarmament, the reduction of nuclear arsenals and the funds allocated to them, halting the arms trade, and ceasing arms shipments to nations embroiled in conflict, regional instability, or those systematically violating human rights and international law. We demand governments prioritize peace and justice over corporate profits gained from arms manufacturing and trading.
- We underline the need for the development of new and responsive international and regional security frameworks grounded in the shared principles of *common security*, human security, disarmament, and global justice. We demand governments focus on collaborative and diplomatic solutions, committing to negotiation and multilateralism, adhering to international law and disarmament treaties, and revitalizing and reforming the international conflict resolution framework of the United Nations. We urge the convening of a Fourth Special Session on Disarmament in the United Nations as agreed upon unanimously in the Pact for the Future.
- We encourage civil society at local, national, regional, and international levels to join forces and challenge the rising trend of military spending, bolster the global movement for peace and justice, and confront decision-makers who attempt to justify relentless militarism under the guise of security.

The 15th edition of the Global Days of Action on Military Spending (GDAMS) took place from April 10 to May 9, 2026, including some key days:



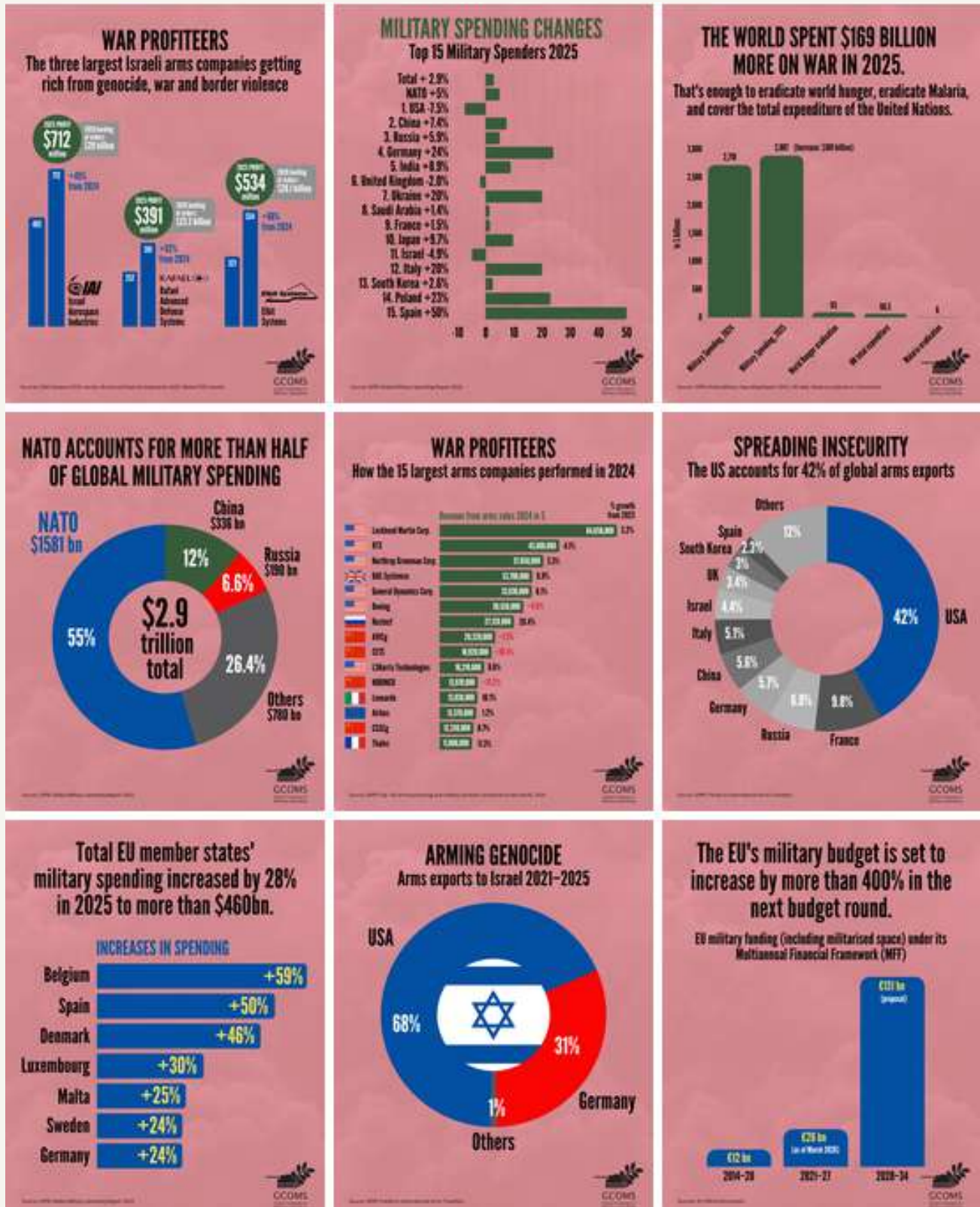
LIST OF APPEAL ENDORSEMENTS

Aerie International	East Bay Citizens for Peace
Aktion Freiheit statt Angst e.V. (Freedom not fear)	Ecologistas en Acción Ciudad de Sevilla
Aktive Arbeitslose Österreich	Ecosocialism Working Group, Chattanooga DSA
Alternativa Antimilitarista.MOC/ADNV	Education International
Another Development Foundation	EMMAUS Catanzaro odv
Antimilitaristes-MOC València	DEmmaus Italia ETS
Aotearoa New Zealand Campaign on Military Spending	Equinox Initiative for Racial Justice
ARCI SERVIZIO CIVILE LOMBARDIA APS ETS	Esbjerg Peace Movement, Denmark
Asia Europe Peoples Forum	Escola de Cultura de Pau
Asoc. Pro Derechos Humanos de Andalucía - APDHA	Europa Verde-Verdi Alessandria
ASOCIACIÓN AHIMSA PARA LA PAZ DESDE LA NOVIOLENCIA	European Network Against Arms Trade (ENAAAT)
ASSOCIATION OF GREEK CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS	EVAL Ehrfurcht Vor Allem Leben
ASSOCIAZIONE NAZIONALE PER LA PACE	Feministas sin fronteras
Associazione Rosa Parks centro culturale protestante di Grosseto	Focus on the Global South
Associazione Terra Dolce	Food Not Bombs NDG
Attac Austria	Fundación Traperos de Emaús
Aturem les Guerres Lleida	FundiPau
Australian Anti-Bases Campaign Coalition	Gdr
Banka Earth Foundation	Gernika Gogoratuz
Barbra Lee	GIUSTIZIA E LIBERTA'
Bathurst United	Glam
Beati i costruttori di pace	Global Campaign on Military Spending
Better World Info	Global Climate Change Foundation DRC
Blu Bramante	Global Strategy of Nonviolence
Boligaktionen	Green Party of Hawaii
Brooklyn For Peace	Grupo Antimilitarista de Carabanchel
Campaign Against Arms Trade	Hansa Trukit Oy/Habsataksi
Campaign for Int Cooperation & Disarmament (CICD)	Hunter Peace Group
Campaign for Peace, Disarmament & Common Security	Il Passo Giusto
Casa per la Pace Modena - OdV	Il Portale dei saperi
Center for Peace Education, Miriam College	Illawarra Greens
Centre Delàs d'Estudis per la Pau	Independent
Centro Pace ecologia e diritti	Inštitút ľudských práv - Human Rights Institute
Church Women United in New York State	Institute for global peacecraft
Circle of Peace Makers (formerly Catholic Peace Ministry)	International Fellowship of Reconciliation Austria
Civil Society Reference Group Kenya	International Peace Bureau
COLABORA - let's work together	International Peace Bureau Barcelona
Comisión de Paz, No Violencia y Antimilitarización - Alianza CONVIDA20	IUF-UITA-IUL
Comite de dd.hh. y ecologicos de Quilpue	Just Peace Qld
Consumers' Association of Penang	KEM-MOC Bilboko Talde Antimilitarista
Coordinadora un altre món és possible	Kilusan para sa Pambansang Demokrasya
Corruption Tracker	La scuola per la pace
Dammietta Peace initiative Africa	Laboratorio de Paz
Demilitarise Education	Laboratorio sociale La città di sotto
Desarma Madrid	Lafede - justícia global
DHESARME - Ação Brasileira pelo Desarmamento Humanitário	ex Innocentium 21st Century
DiEM25	London Campaign Against Arms Trade
DISABILITY PEOPLES FORUM UGANDA	Lunes lilas navarra
	MAÏSHA NA MAZINGIRA
	Maresme amb Palestina - BDS
	Marrickville Peace Group
	Merseyside CND
	Mesa Euménica por la Paz

MOC-València	SETEM Catalunya
Montreal for a World BEYOND War	Sezione ANPI Matteotti Del Riccio
Movement for the Abolition of War	Shadow World Investigations
MUNDO SIN GUERRAS Y SIN VIOLENCIA	SIOF (Servei d'Informació de l'Objecció Fiscal a la despesa militar)
National Priorities Project at the Institute for Policy Studies	Southern Anti-Racism Network
National War Tax Resistance Coordinating Committee	Stockport for Peace
Naturefriends Greece	Stop Fuelling War, Cessez d'alimenter la Guerre
NH Peace Action	Stop the War Coalition Philippines
No Kings	Stop Wapenhandel
North American Climate, Conservation and Environment(NACCE)	Sustainable Common Security
Nouveaux Droits de l'homme	Swatantrata Abhiyan Nepal
Novact Institute for Nonviolence	Swedish Peace and Arbitration Society
NYC War Resisters League	Sydney Anti AUKUS Coalition
Observatorio por el Cierre de la Escuela de las Américas -SOAWChile	Sydney Peace & Justice Coalition
Oregon community Peace fund	Syracuse Peace Council
PADOP	Tavolo per la Pace dell'Alto Verbano
Palestine Solidarity Cluj-Napoca	Teatro Franzato
Pax Christi England & Wales	Teatroinatura
Pax Christi Flanders (BELGIUM)	The Norwegian Peace Association
Pax Christi International	Tipping Point North South
Pax Christi New York State	TOM WELLS FOR CONGRESS
PCAN (Pax Christi New England Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons)	transform! italia
Peace Action	transform!europe
Peace Action New York State	Transnational Institute
Peace Movement Aotearoa	Tulonga Foundation
Peace SOS	UNESCO Chair on Education for Peace - University of Puerto Rico
Peace-seeking Iranian Veterans (PIV)	Unipau
PeaceQuest	Vacances Vertes
People's Solidarity for Participatory Democracy	Veterans For Peace Britain
Percorsi di Vita odv	Veterans for Peace Madison Wisconsin
PET Southern Star	Vredesactie
Pom Bombs	Weaponized Drone Ban Treaty Campaign
Prutehi Guðhan	Western New York Peace Center
PSR Arizona Chapter	WILPF
Public Services International	Wilpf Guinée
Quaker	Women Against Nuclear Power - Finland
Reaching Critical Will	Women for Peace
Red-observatorio-juntanza latinoamericano en estudios geopolica, seguridad y recursos estratégicos.	Women in Black Against War - Madrid
RESCUE GLOBAL VISION	Women in Black London
Réseau d'Action sur la Sécurité et les Armes Légères en Afrique de l'Ouest, section Côte d'Ivoire (RASALAO-CI)	Women's International League for Peace & Freedom US
Rete "NO Fossile, per le Rinnovabili	Women's International League for Peace and Freedom
Rete Cuneese per la Palestina	Women's International League for Peace & Freedom UK
Rete Pace e Disarmo	Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (Aotearoa Section)
SCI Catalunya	World BEYOND War
Scientists for Global Responsibility	World BEYOND WAR Ireland
SCRAP Weapons Project	World Without War
Scuola di Pace Vincenzo Bucciarelli Senigallia	Xarxa d'Economia Solidària de Catalunya
Service Civil International Section Switzerland	Yorkshire CND
	CND
	Zamani Foundation

MATERIALS

On the occasion of the newly published SIPRI data on military spending for the year 2025, we prepared a series of infographics analysing these figures from a critical perspective. These infographics are also available in Spanish and Catalan ([here](#)), and in [Canva](#).



MATERIALS • GDAMS TOOLKIT

On the occasion of Global Days of Action on Military Spending 2026 we prepared this all-in-one guide to making an impact during this period of action.

The GDAMS Toolkit includes an overview of the campaign, resources, ideas and messaging to support and inspire you during the Global Days of Action on Military Spending (GDAMS):

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/e/2PACX-1vSonOAT-M53uvz3pkhWEcHFmz4VKcr6CeFGvfDa2XXEuBFtQGI1LCB8xRRlusejyw/pub>

In this toolkit you will find:

1. **Introduction to GDAMS and why it is important**
2. **Overview of the key strategic moments for the campaign**
3. **Organizing your action: examples, practical materials, and templates**
4. **Additional resources to support your campaign activities**

A promotional graphic for the GDAMS Toolkit. On the left, the text 'GDAMS TOOLKIT' is written in a large, bold, sans-serif font. Below it, the tagline 'Your guide to turning ideas into action.' is written in a smaller, green, sans-serif font. To the right of the text is a detailed green line drawing of a tropical island scene with palm trees, a small boat, and a person. Below the tagline, there are five green rounded rectangular buttons with white text: 'STRATEGIC TIMELINE', 'EDITABLE GRAPHICS', 'SUPPORT RESOURCES', 'ACTION IDEAS', and 'AND MORE ...'. At the bottom left, the dates 'APRIL 10 - MAY 9' are written above 'GDAMS 2026', with 'GLOBAL DAYS OF ACTION ON MILITARY SPENDING' in smaller text below. On the right side, the text 'CHECK IT NOW.' is written above a large QR code. Below the QR code, the website 'WWW.DEMILITARIZE.ORG' is written. The entire graphic is set against a light pink background with a white curved shape on the right side.

**GDAMS
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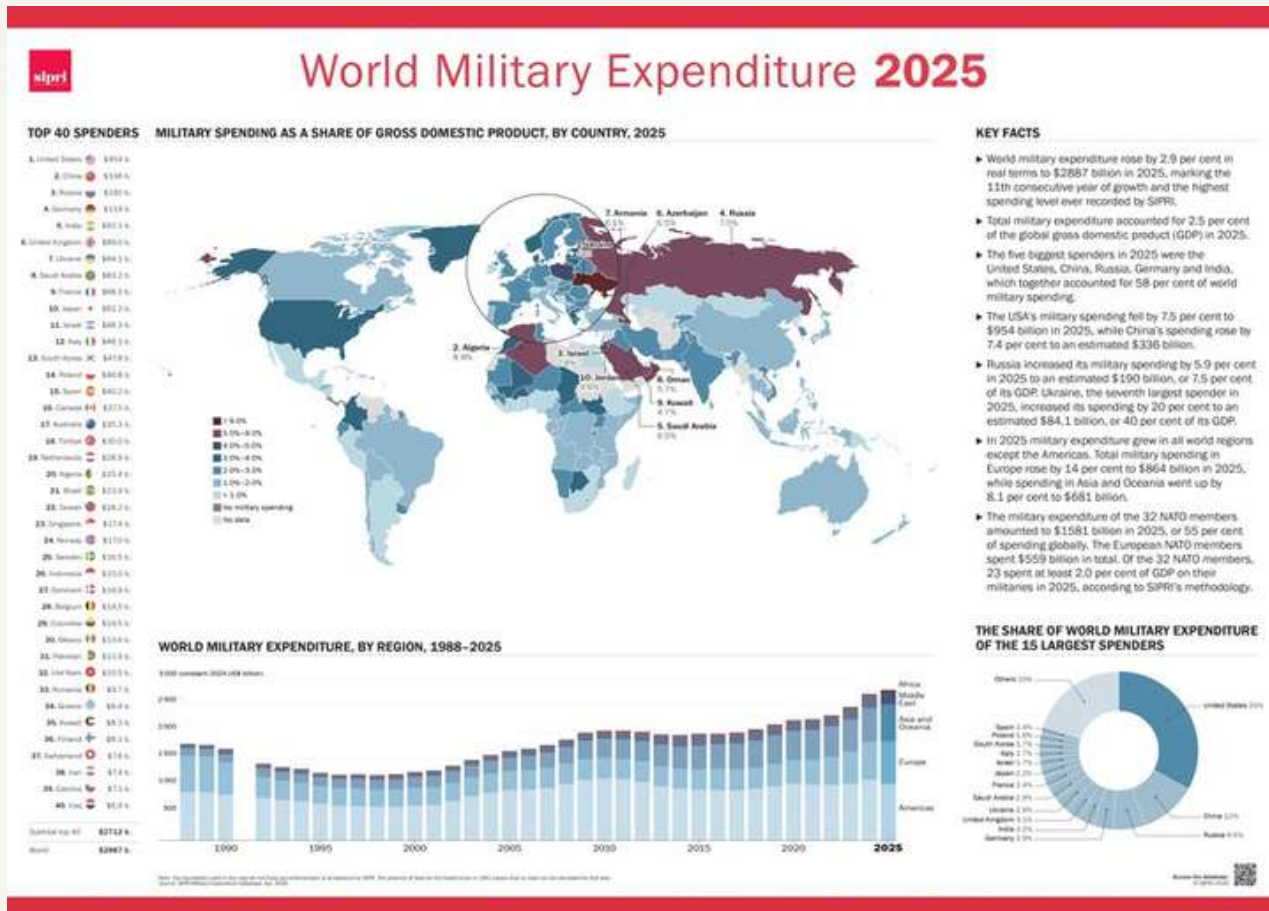
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MATERIALS • COMPARATIVE INFOGRAPHIC





Download this infographic in high quality [here](#).

(Stockholm, 27 April 2026) World military expenditure reached \$2887 billion in 2025, an increase of 2.9 per cent in real terms over 2024. Military spending declined in the United States but rose by 14 per cent in Europe and by 8.1 per cent in Asia and Oceania. The top three military spenders—the USA, China and Russia—spent a combined total of \$1480 billion, or 51 per cent of the global total, according to new data published today by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI). Download the SIPRI Fact Sheet [here](#).

For more information visit SIPRI's military spending database [here](#).



MATERIALS • EARTH DAY

For Earth Day (April 22), with the support of the [Arms, Militarism and Climate Justice Working Group](#), we prepared and shared specific material (including suggested captions for the social media graphics in the final section): [Why Is It Important To Talk About Military Spending On Earth Day?](#)



This Earth Day, join GDAMS (April 10–May 9) in calling to cut military spending and invest in peace, people, and the planet. Global military budgets hit \$2.7T in 2024—fueling wars, fossil-fuel-heavy operations, and huge hidden emissions. If militaries were a country, they'd be the world's fourth largest emitter. On April 22 we spotlight the environmental cost of militarism and demand money for climate justice and a just transition. Act now: reduce military spending, protect communities, and defend the planet. Demilitarize for Climate Justice!

What will you find in [this document](#)?

- Militarism and the Climate Breakdown: Key Facts & Figures
- Q&A on the Militarism–Climate Nexus
- Earth Day Graphics and Visuals
- List of Resources Used & More

There's probably more here than you need—don't worry! Just take what's most useful to you.



You can download these Graphics and Visuals in different formats [here](#).

MATERIALS • DHESARME

Flyer prepared by Dhesarme and WILPF Brasil. You can download it [here](#).

R\$22,3 BILHÕES PARA A MILITARIZAÇÃO E CENTAVOS PARA A PAZ

O GASTO MUNDIAL ESTÁ EM NÍVEIS
RECORDES. FORAM 2,7 TRILHÕES DE DÓLARES
EM 2024.

Nós não precisamos de mais armas. Nós precisamos de
segurança de verdade: dignidade, direitos, e cuidado com as
pessoas e o planeta.

SETORES DE NECESSIDADES BÁSICAS ESTÃO SENDO
SUBFINANCIADOS:

- Ação Climática
- Educação
- Emprego digno
- Saúde
- Moradia
- Infraestrutura

É hora de #MoveTheMoney

O QUE ESTAMOS PEDINDO?

- ✓ Redução drástica nos gastos militares, e, redirecionamento dos fundos aos direitos humanos, justiça social, desenvolvimento, segurança humana e climática.
- ✓ Adotar uma economia política feminista que acabe com a opressão, transforme o sistema, e apoie todas as pessoas.
- ✓ A garantia de transparência em processos de decisão, e, maior influência democrática nos processos de decisão sobre gastos militares.

E O QUE VOCÊ PODE FAZER

- ✓ Exigir o fim imediato da produção e exportação de Munições Cluster pelo Brasil, denunciando seus graves impactos humanitários e defendendo que os recursos destinados a essas armas sejam revertidos para áreas sociais, como saúde, educação e infraestrutura.

Junte-se ao movimento usando a #MoveTheMoney e #GDAMS



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10 DE ABRIL - 9 DE MAIO
GDAMS 2026
GLOBAL DAYS OF ACTION ON WEAPON STOPPING



DHESARME!

GDAMS 2026 ACTIONS

The map displays the following distribution of pins:

- Europe:** 10 pins clustered in Western and Central Europe, including locations like Ireland, UK, France, Germany, Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Austria, and Italy.
- North America:** 8 pins. 5 are in the United States (Northeast, Midwest, South), 2 are in Canada, and 1 is in Mexico.
- South America:** 2 pins, one in Brazil and one in Argentina.
- Other Regions:** 1 pin each in Russia, China, South Korea, Japan, India, Thailand, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Australia, New Zealand, and Greenland.

UNODA STATEMENT

GDAMS 2026

**MESSAGE BY HIGH REPRESENTATIVE IZUMI NAKAMITSU ON
THE GLOBAL DAYS OF ACTION ON MILITARY SPENDING**
United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs

April 27, 2026

High Representative for Disarmament Affairs Izumi Nakamitsu issued a statement on the 2026 SIPRI data, describing GDAMS as a yearly opportunity to reflect on the world being shaped by current spending choices. She warned that every dollar diverted to militarization is one not spent on preventing famine, building schools, or strengthening climate resilience, stressing that "the cost of inaction is not abstract" but measured in lives lost and trust eroded.

Read the full text [HERE](#)



"The path forward is clear. We must reimagine what security means in the 21st century—and we have the tools to do so. The Secretary-General's report outlines practical steps: placing diplomacy first, strengthening confidence-building measures, ensuring transparency in defence budgets, and redirecting even a fraction of military spending toward sustainable development.

On these Global Days of Action on Military Spending, I urge all of us - governments, civil society, and global citizens - to heed these warnings.

We must champion a human-centered approach to security, rooted in prevention, good governance and aligned with the principles of the UN Charter.

Let us make this moment a turning point. A moment when we choose diplomacy over escalation. Human security over excessive militarization and long-term peace over short-term calculations.

The world does not need more weapons. It needs more trust. It needs more cooperation and more solidarity.

And above all, it needs more peace"

'Each year, the
**Global Days of Action
on Military Spending**
challenge us to pause
and reflect on the
choices we are
making, and the
world those choices
are shaping'

Izumi Nakamitsu
High Representative for Disarmament Affairs



**United Nations Office
for Disarmament Affairs**

**Message by High Representative Izumi Nakamitsu
On the Global Days of Action on Military Spending**

**Izumi Nakamitsu
High Representative for Disarmament Affairs**

ONLINE EVENTS

GDAMS 2026

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GDAMS INFORMATION AND LAUNCH SESSION

GDAMS

April 9, 2026

Webinar

The Information and Launch Session, took place on 9 April, and served to introduce GDAMS, share key information about the campaign, and outline the urgency of confronting military spending surges.

During the session, the coordination team also presented the GDAMS toolkit, providing dozens of inspiring actions and resources. Speakers included: Jeremy Corbyn, Ann Wright, Shirine Jurdi, Corazon Valdez Fabros, Francesco Vignarca, and Cyrille Rolande Bechon.

To see the full meeting: [Youtube](#)

GDAMS START!

GDAMS

April 10, 2026

TAX DAY WEBINAR ON US MILITARY SPENDING

GDAMS

April 15, 2026

Webinar

On April 15, 2026, marking Tax Day, GCOMS hosted the webinar "US Military Spending and the Imperial Boomerang," open to participants worldwide. The initiative examined US military spending in the context of rising global military budgets and their domestic consequences. The panel featured Bill Hartung (Quincy Institute), Alliyah Lusuegro (National Priorities Project), David Vine (Network to Dismantle the MIC), and Savannah Wooten (Public Citizen / People over Pentagon).

To watch the full webinar: [GDAMS Tax Day Webinar "US Military Spending and the Imperial Boomerang"](#)

DISCUSSION ON WAR TAX - CAMBRIDGE FRIENDS MEETING

Friends Meeting at Cambridge

April 16, 2026

Webinar

Alongside Tax Day, Friends Meeting at Cambridge hosted an online discussion on war tax resistance, featuring several Quakers with years of experience in the practice. The session included a Q&A on its role as a strategy against military spending. [More info here.](#)

12TH EUROPEAN CALL: PUBLIC ASSEMBLY STOP REARM EUROPE

Stop ReArm Europe

Stop ReArm Europe organized a public online assembly to discuss the SIPRI 2026 report on global military spending. The event featured interventions from MEPs Özlem Demirel and Dario Tamburrano on the latest steps toward militarization within the European Parliament. The assembly also served to coordinate and promote the upcoming June 2026 international mobilizations, building resistance to the logic of war and rearmament.

See the invitation [HERE](#).

April 29, 2026

Webinar

MILITARY SPENDING COSTS US THE EARTH

The Radioactive Show

On April 22, 2026, The Radioactive Show on 3CR Community Radio aired an episode on current research and actions on military spending in Australia. The discussion opened with an intervention by Jaimie Jeffries, co-convenor of the [Independent and Peaceful Australia Network Geelong and Vic South West](#), and member of Defend [Peace Djilang](#). The panel also included Mercedes Zanker and Jacob Grech, lead researchers with [Renegade Activists](#) and presenters of [A Friday Rave](#) Radio Show on 3CR. Podcast available [HERE](#).

April 22, 2026

Podcast

THE PUBLIC COSTS OF RISING MILITARY EXPENDITURE: EDUCATION AND PUBLIC SERVICES

International Peace Bureau

International Peace Bureau hosted the webinar "The Public Costs of Rising Military Expenditure: Education and Public Services," open to participants worldwide. The panel explored the impact of rising military spending on education and public services, bringing together Zubaida Karim, Research Assistant at SIPRI's Military Expenditure and Arms Production Programme; Mugwena Maluleke, President of Education International (EI); Annie Enriquez-Geron, Vice President of Public Services International (PSI); and Corazon Fabros, Co-President of the International Peace Bureau (IPB).

To see the full webinar: [Youtube](#).

April 30, 2026

Webinar

NORGES FREDSLAG MARKERER GLOBAL DAYS OF ACTION ON MILITARY SPENDING!

Norges Fredsråd

On May 4, the Norwegian Peace Association hosted a digital event about what real security means and whether rising military budgets actually make the world safer, addressing the connection between militarization and global challenges such as climate change, poverty, health, and inequality. Speakers included Unni Eikeseth, who introduced the Norwegian Peace Association; Rigmor Bjerche, who presented the UN report *The Security We Need*; Aslak Storaker, who presented this year's GDAMS statement and SIPRI report; and Kristina Kvist, who discussed the association's work on the Arms Trade Treaty and the meetings in Geneva.

To see the full webinar: [Youtube](#)

May 05, 2026

Webinar

STOP USING DRONE WARFARE TO PERPETRATE GENOCIDES IN PALESTINE AND SUDAN

Pax Christi International, Global Solidarity for Peace in Palestine, the Weaponized Drone Ban Treaty (WDBT) Campaign, IFOR, IPB, and World BEYOND

May 09, 2026

Webinar

On May 9, Pax Christi International, Global Solidarity for Peace in Palestine, the Weaponized Drone Ban Treaty (WDBT) Campaign, IFOR, IPB, and World BEYOND War co-hosted a webinar on the role of weaponized drones in the ongoing genocides in Palestine and Sudan, open to participants worldwide. The panel featured Sean Conner (IPB), Professor Abdelhamid Siyam (Rutgers University, Palestinian UN Expert), Dr. Mawa Abdelbagi Osman Mohamed (University of Khartoum, Pax Christi International Consultant on Sudan), Mitchell Plitnick (ReThinking Foreign Policy), Chris Cole (Drone Wars UK), Kathy Kelly (World BEYOND War, WDBT Campaign), and Nick Mottern (Veterans For Peace, WDBT Campaign). The session was moderated by Susan H. Smith (IFOR).

More info [HERE](#).

NATO STILL GOING GLOBAL?

No To Nato Network

May 12, 2026

Webinar

No To Nato Network organized the webinar NATO: still going global? With the aim to examine NATO's global footprint amid its ongoing crisis in Europe, addressing its bases, military presence, and bilateral alliances worldwide. The panel featured Professor Anuradha Chenoy (International Peace Bureau, Jindal School of International Affairs, TNI, AEPF), giving a global overview; Pablo Ruiz Espinoza (Observatorio por el Cierre de la Escuela de las Américas), on NATO's encroachment into Latin America; Rachel Clark (Veterans for Peace, Peace Boat), on NATO's presence in East Asia; and Reiner Braun (No to War – No to NATO network), on how NATO's European bases serve global domination.

To see the full webinar: [Youtube](#)

FROM HELSINGBORG TO ANKARA, GLOBAL VOICES ON NATO, MILITARIZATION, AND WELFARE

No To Nato Network

May 21, 2026

Webinar

No To Nato Network organized an online gathering alongside the NATO Foreign Ministerial Meeting in Helsingborg, Sweden, which was expected to emphasize increased defence spending. The event critically examined NATO's expanding role beyond the military, into natural resources, technology, finance, and media, raising concerns about global power imbalances and the diversion of resources from social and environmental needs. The gathering brought together diverse perspectives across generations, amplifying younger voices and building momentum toward the NATO Summit in Ankara in July, around a shared call for no NATO expansion, no nuclear weapons, and climate justice instead of military spending.

To see the full webinar: [Youtube](#)

EUROPE

GDAMS 2026

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IL COSTO DELLA GUERRA E CHI NE FA LE SPESE

Lambro GAS

April 14, 2026

Veduggio (Italy)

On Tuesday 14 April 2026 at 8:45 PM, the group Lambro GAS organized a conference titled "The Cost of War and Who Pays for It" at Veduggio con Colzano. The event featured Francesco Vignarca, campaign coordinator at Rete Italiana Pace e Disarmo, discussing how, against war and rearmament, public spending should instead be directed toward rights, the environment, sustainability, employment, education, and healthcare. See the event [HERE](#).

BANCHE ARMATE ED ECONOMIA DI GUERRA

Acli Trentine, Forum Trentino per la Pace e i Diritti Umani, with Banca Etica e Rete trentina Ferma il Riarmo

April 15, 2026

Trento (Italy)

On 15 April 2026, ACLI Trentine and the Forum Trentino per la Pace e i Diritti Umani, in collaboration with Banca Etica and the Rete trentina Ferma il Riarmo, organized a conference titled "Armed Banks and War Economy" at the provincial ACLI headquarters in Via Roma 57, Trento. The event examined the financial roots of war, focusing on the role of finance and credit in fueling the arms race and sustaining the war economy, with speakers Giovanni Alenghi, branch manager of Banca Etica in Verona, Francesco Vignarca of Rete Pace e Disarmo, and Silvia Valduga, vice president of the Forum Trentino Pace e Diritti Umani. See the event [HERE](#).

XERRADA I CONCENTRACIÓ PER L'ACCIÓ GLOBAL CONTRA LA DESPESA MILITAR

Rubí Solidari

April 16, 2026

Barcelona (Spain)

On April 16, entities and collectives from Rubí Solidari held a talk and rally at Plaça de l'Ajuntament. Presenting the manifesto "Rubí Solidari per l'Acció Global contra la Despesa Militar," participants denounced record global military spending, NATO-driven rearmament, and cuts to public services in favor of defense budgets, while decrying the suffering of populations in Palestine, Ukraine, Sudan, Congo, and other conflict zones. Calling for real security to be built on rights, healthcare, housing, education, and social justice rather than weapons, organizers urged local groups, unions, schools, and residents to join the manifesto and demand that military spending be redirected toward urgent human needs. See the event [HERE](#).

MARCH TO MORÓN MILITARY BASE

ELAIA-AAMOC

April 18, 2026
Sevilla (Spain)

On Saturday 18 April 2026, the organization Educa a Cádiz - Ustea promoted a march to the Morón military base in Andalusia, under the slogan "No to war, no to NATO, bases out," as part of the Andalucía por la Paz campaign against rearmament and war. The following organizations and collectives joining the campaign this year: APDH Andalucía, Ecologistas en Acción, USTEA, and AA-MOC Elaia. They demanded for the disproportionate military spending to be redirected toward education, healthcare, and housing. See the event [HERE](#).



GUERRA NO, PAZ - CONCENTRACIÓN PUERTO DE SANTA MARÍA

USTEA, AAMOC-ELAIA, APDH-Andalucía

April 20, 2026
Cadiz (Spain)

On April 20 2026, the recurrent concentration at Puerto de Santa Maria en Cadiz was dedicated to the GDAMS Campaigning. Since March 2025, the collective Noviolencia Elaia, together with Ecologistas en Acción, the Asociación Pro Derechos Humanos de Andalucía, the Asociación Amal Esperanza de Solidaridad con el Pueblo Saharaui, the USTEA union, and the Foro Social de El Puerto, has been holding recurring rallies on a central street in El Puerto de Santa María (Cádiz) for over a year. The demonstrations denounce growing militarization and the campaign spreading across Europe to justify rearmament, border reinforcement, the rejection of migrants, the erosion of social rights, and environmental destruction. See the event [HERE](#).

DISARMIAMOCI: OBIEZIONE DI COSCIENZA E LOTTA DEI LAVORATORI E LAVORATRICI

BDS Italia

April 24, 2026
Villa Montalvo (Italy)

On April 24 2026, BDS Italia promoted the conference "Disarmiamoci", focusing on workers' conscientious objection against war and rearmament. Held at the Limonaia di Villa Montalvo, the event opened with institutional greetings from the mayors of Campi Bisenzio, Calenzano, and the acting mayor of Sesto Fiorentino, followed by speeches from professionals, workers, and representatives of BDS Firenze, Emergency, Rete Italiana Pace e Disarmo, and the Coordinamento fiorentino contro il riarmo. See the event [HERE](#).

CONTRA LA GUERRA, TOMBEM EL REARMAMENT

Plataforma Aturem la Guerra

April 26, 2026
Barcelona (Spain)

On 26 April 2026, the Plataforma Aturem la Guerra held a demonstration in Barcelona as part of the Campanya contra la despesa militar, el bel·licisme i el militarisme, presenting a joint manifesto against war and rising military spending. Protesters denounced NATO's rearmament push, US military interventions, and Israel's actions in Gaza, calling for Spain to close American bases, leave NATO, and redirect military funds toward social investment. See the full photo album [here](#), pictures by Luis Camargo.



BARCELONA GDAMS PRESS CONFERENCE

GDAMS

April 27, 2026
Barcelona (Spain)

On Monday 27 April, the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) published the new figures for global military spending in 2025. In order to critically present the new data and the growing global militarisation, Centre Delàs convened a press conference on Monday 27 April at the Col·legi de Periodistes of Barcelona. This conference was held in the context of the Global Days of Action on Military Spending (GDAMS) of the International Peace Bureau. Speakers included Jordi Calvo, Nora Miralles and Pere Ortega.

GARFORTH WORLD PEACE FAME - 9TH ANNIVERSARY CEREMONY

Garforth Peace Project

April 28, 2026
Garforth (UK)

On April 28, Garforth Peace Project celebrated the 9th anniversary of the Garforth World Peace Flame. In this occasion, the newly updated Garforth W.P.F. Monument was unveiled by the the Leeds Lord Mayor, Cllr. Dan Cohen, and World Peace Flame Foundation Charity Chair, Annie Jones. Afterwards, the St Benedict's School hosted a moment of reflections on peace and a School Peace Bake Off lead by children, helping to fund the project.

MENWITH HILL ACCOUNTABILITY CAMPAIGN PROTEST

[Yorkshire Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament](#)

April 28, 2026

Harrogate (UK)

On April 28, the Yorkshire Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament joined the weekly demonstration organised by the Menwith Hill Accountability Campaign at the Menwith Hill US spy base as part of the World Beyond War's Global Days of Action on Military Spending.

Menwith Hill base was constructed in the 1950s and rented out to the United States during the peak of Cold War tensions. Covering roughly 600 acres (2.4 sq km), the site is marked by 37 massive radar domes, nicknamed "golf balls" by locals, and is also shared with the UK's intelligence agency, GCHQ.



CONFERENCE "WHAT PROSPECTS FOR SOCIAL EUROPE AND PEACE?"

[Rete Spezzina Pace e Disarmo](#)

April 28, 2026

La Spezia (Italia)

On 9 April 2026, the Rete Spezzina Pace e Disarmo held a conference titled in La Spezia. Following an introduction by Lucia Catani, speakers examined different dimensions of Europe's militarization: Salvatore Marra of the CGIL discussed the politics of war and the role of the EU, trade unions, and civil society in global disorder; Carlo Cefaloni of "Città Nuova" addressed European rearmament and defense models; Gianni Alioti of The Weapon Watch analyzed the emergence of a European military-industrial complex; and Giorgio Beretta of the OPAL Observatory and Rete Italiana Pace e Disarmo explored European arms exports.

THIRTY YEARS OF THE EUROPEAN SOCIAL CHARTER

[PADOP \(Observatory of International Organizations\)](#)

May 4, 2026

Athens (Greece)

On 4 May 2026, PADOP held a conference at the Athens Municipality Cultural Center, about the different dimensions of the Charter's legacy and its relevance today: Maria Karamessini, Professor at Panteion University, addressed the evolution of European social rights and labour policy; Giorgos Psychogios, Member of Parliament, discussed the political dimension of social protection within the current European framework; Giorgos Stathakis, academic and former minister, analyzed the tensions between economic governance and social cohesion in the EU; and Nikos Chrysogelos, Deputy Mayor of Athens, explored the intersection of social rights, environmental policy, and local governance.

ARMI, POLITICA, ECONOMIA NEL NUOVO CONTESTO INTERNAZIONALE

Presidio per la Pace et all.

May 5, 2026
Borgo Pieve (Italy)

On 5 May 2026, the Presidio per la Pace, together with a network of local organizations (AIFO, Cittadini e Cittadine per la Pace, CastelfrancoPER, ANPI, and the Coordinamento del Volontariato della Castellana), held the final meeting of the series "Il rumore delle armi, il silenzio del diritto" ("The Noise of Weapons, the Silence of Law") in Borgo Pieve (Italy). Following an introduction by representatives of the promoting associations, the meeting focused on the theme "Weapons, Politics, and Economy in the New International Context": Francesco Vignarca, of the "Rete Pace e Disarmo," examined the mechanisms of the global arms economy, describing it as an ever-expanding business that has become one of the leading drivers of economic growth in several countries, and explored the interconnections between arms trade, political power, and ongoing geopolitical crises, with the event closing in audience discussion. See the event [HERE](#).

CONTRO I RE E LE LORO GUERRE, LA PUGLIA SCEGLIE PACE E DISARMO

Cordinamento Capitanata per la Pace

May 10, 2026
Foggia (Italy)

On 10 May 2026, the Coordinamento Capitanata per la Pace , together with the Comitati per la Pace di Puglia, organized the 13th Emmaus–Amendola Peace March, titled "Against Kings and Their Wars, Puglia Chooses Peace and Disarmament," as part of the Global Days of Action Against Military Spending 2026. Participants walked a 10-kilometer route from the Emmaus Community in Foggia to the Amendola military airport, where the march concluded with a collective moment at the site symbolizing opposition to militarization and arms spending.

"WHY WE MARCH: Clarity and Prohibition. We demand clarity regarding the involvement of Apulian military bases in the current wars and we demand that its use be prohibited to people"

More information [here](#).



FRIEDEN UND SICHERHEIT IN EUROPA? – VERSUCH EINER STANDORTBESTIMMUNG

SÜDWIND e.V. – Institute für Ökonomie und Ökumene

May 8, 2026
Cologne (Germany)

On May 8, SÜDWIND Institut hosted a half-day conference in Cologne examining the relationship between rearmament and security in Europe, on the 81st anniversary of the end of World War II. The panel addressed three interconnected questions: whether arms investments actually deliver security, whether rearmament can be reconciled with sustainability standards in finance, and how peace ethics frameworks respond to today's geopolitical challenges. Speakers included Helmut Hugler (historian) on European defence strategy, Ulrike Lohr (SÜDWIND Institut) on the inclusion of arms industries in sustainable investment portfolios, and Professor Jörg Hübner (EKD) on the Protestant Church's peace ethics framework. The event closed with a panel discussion open to the public, moderated by SÜDWIND Director Dr. Ulrike Dufner.

AN HOUR OF SILENCE AGAINST MILITARY SPENDING

Movimento Nonviolento Brescia

May 10, 2026

Brescia (Italy)

On 22 and 29 April and 6 May 2026, the Movimento Nonviolento Brescia held a series of gatherings titled "An Hour of Silence Against Military Spending" at Largo Formentone in Brescia, as part of the Global Days of Action Against Military Spending. Participants gathered from 18:00 to 19:00 for a silent demonstration to demand a halt to rearmament in Italy, Europe, and the world. The initiative called on governments to substantially cut military budgets and redirect those funds toward social and environmental needs, urged global nuclear disarmament and an end to arms transfers to countries involved in conflicts or systematic human rights violations, and supported the convening of a Fourth Special Session on Disarmament at the United Nations, with participants invited to join the circle in a shared moment of silent reflection.

UNA SCELTA PER LA PACE: L'OBIEZIONE DI COSCIENZA IERI, OGGI, DOMANI

MIR (Movimento Internazionale della Riconciliazione), Borgomanero

May 10, 2026

Fontaneto d'Agogna
(Italy)

On 9 May 2026, MIR (Movimento Internazionale della Riconciliazione) Borgomanero, together with local peace associations from Novara, Galliate, and Sesto Calende, held a conference titled "A Choice for Peace: Conscientious Objection Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow" in Fontaneto d'Agogna (NO). Speakers examined different dimensions of conscientious objection to war and militarism: Ermete Ferraro, national president of MIR Italia, discussed building grassroots alternatives to the logic of weapons; Zaira Zafarana addressed the return of compulsory conscription in Europe; Pasquale Pugliese, of the Movimento Nonviolento, presented ongoing demilitarization campaigns; and international objectors Olga Karach (Belarus) and Yona Roseman (Mesarvot, Israel) shared their testimonies, with the event closing in audience discussion.



PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON MILITARY SPENDING

PADOP & Peace Boat

April, 2026

Athens (Greece)

In Athens, Greece, Peace Boat's International Coordinator Karen Hallows participated in a public discussion on military spending and social justice organised by PADOP. Her intervention focused on the social and environmental impacts of militarisation, the links between military spending and fossil fuel dependency, and the need to redirect resources toward climate action and public services. Following the event, her intervention was published as an article in the Greek daily newspaper Efimerida ton Syntakton (EfSyn).



EARTH DAY MARCH AGAINST US WARS OF AGGRESSION AND MILITARISM

Center for Environmental Concerns - Philippines

April 11, 2026

Manila (Philippines)

On April 22, the Centre for Environmental Concerns of Philippines organizes a march to the US embassy in Manila, to stand in solidarity with people resisting war, occupation and exploitation. The action linked the struggle against imperialist wars and militarization with the fight for environmental protection. On the local level, the call positioned against the Philippines government's alignment with U.S. military interests through agreements such as the Visiting Forces Agreement (VFA) and the Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement (EDCA), as well as ongoing joint military exercises that threaten communities and the environment; denouncing the diversion of resources away from public welfare and sustainable development.

JOINT PRES CONFERENCE + POP-UP PROTEST SEOUL

People's Solidarity for Participatory Democracy (PSPD)

April 27, 2026

Seoul (South Korea)

On April 27, the People's Solidarity for Participatory Democracy (PSPD) organized a Press conference and a pop up protest in Seoul, calling for an end of war and highlighting the devastating impacts of arm industry on the climate crisis. They also raised serious concerns about the rapid acceleration of the global arms race driven by military AI, both in South Korea and worldwide. Under the slogan "Arms buildup leads only to war; reduce military spending—the fuel of war," participants carried out a performance emphasizing that we stand at a crossroads between war and peace and must choose peace.



PEACE BOAT JOINS GDAMS 2026 WITH GLOBAL CALL TO CUT MILITARY SPENDING AND DEMILITARISE FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE

Peace Boat

April, 2026

Peace Boat

123rd Global Voyage

This Earth Day, Peace Boat joined the Global Day of Action for Peace and Climate Justice as part of the GDAMS. During the 123rd Global Voyage, Peace Boat participants took part in a series of activities led by Peace Boat International Director Remy Millot exploring the links between militarism, military spending, climate change, and global justice.



The first onboard event took place on Earth Day, April 22, as part of the mobilisation coordinated by the Arms, Militarism and Climate Justice Working Group, of which Peace Boat is a member. The session examined the environmental impacts of militarism and the role of military systems in driving fossil fuel consumption and greenhouse gas emissions. Discussions also focused on how increasing military spending diverts resources away from climate action and social investment.

Following the event, participants joined a photo action onboard calling to “Demilitarize for Climate Justice,” linking the voyage with actions taking place worldwide as part of GDAMS.



A second onboard event was held on April 28, following the release of the latest SIPRI figures the previous day. The session examined current military spending trends, the political and economic drivers behind rising military budgets, and their implications for global priorities. Participants also discussed how military spending affects progress on the Sustainable Development Goals and took part in an interactive exercise reimagining how USD 2.887 trillion could instead be invested in climate action, public services, and community wellbeing.

**PRESS RELEASE: TRILLIONS FOR WAR, NOTHING FOR THE PEOPLE:
RESIST MILITARIZATION, DEFEND SOVEREIGNTY**

Stop The War Coalition Philippines

May 15, 2026
Navotas (Philippines)

Press Release by Stop the War Coalition Philippines on the Global Days of Action Against Military Spending.

(...) This war economy is not a distant concept; its impact resonates profoundly at home. In the Philippines, diesel prices remain stubbornly high at ₱98–₱112 per liter, rice hovers at ₱60–₱70 per kilo, and inflation registered 4.1% in March 2026. Yet, instead of substantive relief beyond temporary “ayuda” or one-time aid, the Philippine government maintains a “business-as-usual” approach, hosting Balikatan 2026—the largest war games in our history. Furthermore, the Marcos Jr. government actively facilitates U.S. military projects, including an ammunition hub in Subic (Zambales), a fuel depot in Mindanao, and the controversial Pax Silica enclave in Tarlac.

Pax Silica, deceptively branded as “development,” is, in truth, a 4,000-acre zone governed under U.S. law, granting diplomatic immunity for up to 99 years. This arrangement inextricably links our economy to the U.S. war supply chain, exploiting our land and mineral resources for foreign conflicts.

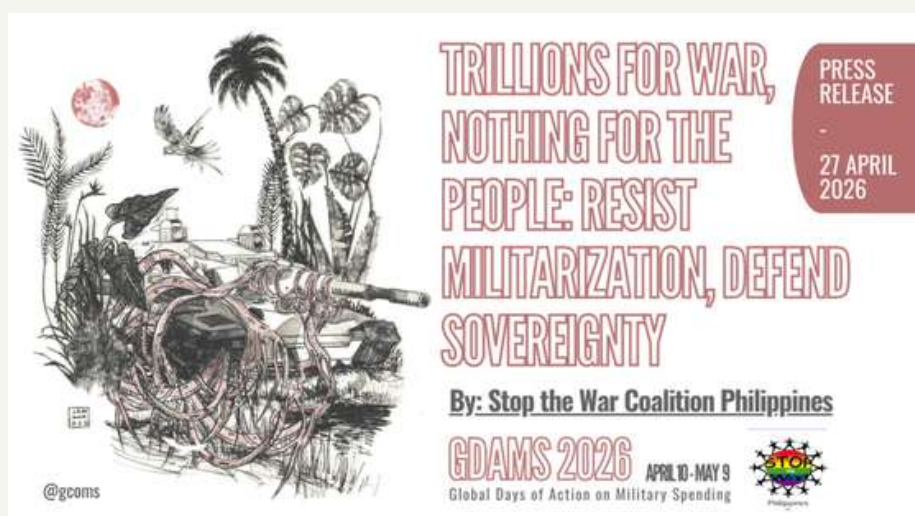
Simultaneously, the West Asia conflict, ignited by U.S.-Israel strikes on Iran, has already led to the closure of the Strait of Hormuz, driven oil prices above \$100 per barrel, and unleashed global economic shockwaves. Closer to home, tensions escalate in the West Philippine Sea, where U.S. and Chinese warships engage in a dangerous standoff, pulling the Philippines deeper into a perilous great-power rivalry.

The Stop the War Coalition Philippines demands:

- Significant cuts to military budgets, with funds redirected to vital sectors such as healthcare, education, food security, and climate resilience initiatives.
- Immediate suspension of fuel excise taxes and the outright repeal of the oil deregulation law.
- A strategic pivot towards energy self-sufficiency and sovereignty through the development of national reserves, particularly in renewable energy.
- Resolute rejection of Pax Silica and all foreign enclaves that undermine national control.
- Abrogation of all unequal military agreements and the dismantling of foreign bases on Philippine soil.
- Unwavering defense of sovereignty in the West Philippine Sea and the steadfast upholding of the South China Sea as a global commons.

Every peso and dollar squandered on war is a direct theft from the people’s fundamental right to survival. Pax Silica and Balikatan vividly illustrate the Philippines’ entanglement in a war economy, while the conflict in West Asia undeniably proves that foreign wars inflict direct suffering upon our populace. We demand peace, justice, and sovereignty—not perpetual militarization.

You can download this press release [here](#).



**FORUM "MILITARY SPENDING OR FUNDING OUR FUTURE? -
A MULTISECTORAL FORUM ON PEACE AND HUMAN SECURITY"
AT THE UP ASIAN CENTER SEMINAR ROOM**

[UP Asian Center](#)

May 15, 2026
Quezon City (Philippines)

The UP Asian Center, in partnership with Stop the War Coalition, International Peace Bureau, and the UP CIDS-Alternative Development Program, will be hosting "Military Spending or Funding Our Future? A Multisectoral Forum on Peace and Human Security," on 15 May 2026, 2 - 5 PM, PHT, at the Seminar Room, UP Asian Center.

This forum aimed to: 1) engage the public in collective dialogue on the global and national contexts of military spending, emphasizing its impact on the Philippines; 2) link war spending to socio-economic issues; and 3) contribute to the global campaign that critiques the paradigm of military spending as human security.

The forum was moderated by Maria Dulce F. Natividad, UP Asian Center, and included presentations by Cora Fabros, International Peace Bureau; Zubaida Karim, SIPRI; DJ Janier, Stop the War Coalition Philippines; and Quique Sanchez Ochoa, Centre Delàs & GCOMS; These were followed by an open forum with Merci Llarinas-Angeles, Peace Women Partners; Pablo Rosales, Pangisda Pilipinas; Virginia Benosa-Llorin, Climate Campaign of Greenpeace Philippines; and Joshua F. Peralta, Youth for Nationalism and Democracy. The closing remarks were given by Dr. Noel Christian A. Moratilla, Dean of the UP Asian Center. You can find more information [here](#).



FILIPINO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS CREATED POSTERS: "BOOKS NOT BOMBS! DO NOT DESTROY OUR FUTURE BECAUSE OF WAR!"

[Peace Women Partners; Stop The War Coalition Philippines](#)

May 10, 2026
Navotas (Philippines)

Filipino students came together in a workshop to discuss rising military spending in the Philippine government. The youth expressed that while governments invest in air strikes and weapons, schools are left without enough classrooms. They call for education to be prioritized over military spending, emphasizing that the cost of war is more expensive and unnecessary, and could instead be invested in building their future.

[Here](#) you can watch short video of the GDAMS action with Filipino high school students, where they created posters: "Books Not Bombs! Do Not Destroy Our Future Because of War!" Video courtesy of Merci Angeles, Peace Women Partners.



KITE FLYING

[Stop The War Coalition Philippines](#)

May, 2026

Santiago City (Philippines)

In Santiago City, Isabela, people in the Philippines joined the campaign by sending peace kites soaring into the sky. This heartfelt act carried a powerful message: a call to end war and a reminder that conflict comes at a profound cost to our planet and our shared future.

Mabuhay! Kapayapaan Para sa Lahat!

(Long live! Peace for all!)

You can watch the video [here](#).



OCEANIA

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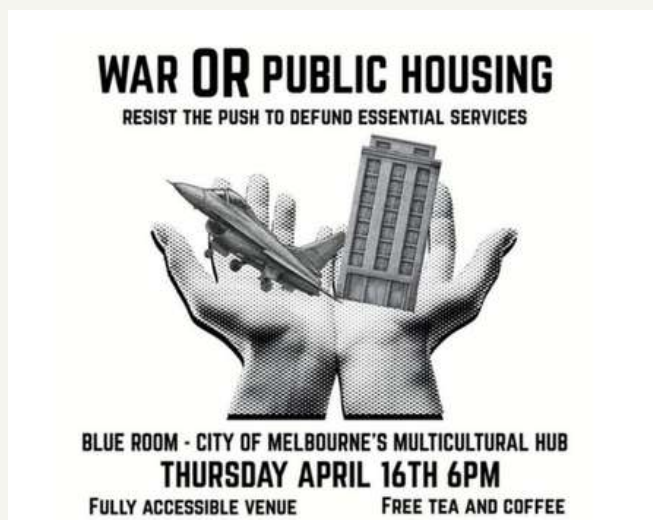


WAR OR PUBLIC HOUSING - RESIST THE PUSH TO DEFUND ESSENTIAL SERVICES

[Save Public Housing Collective](#)

April 16, 2026
Melbourne (Australia)

On April 16, Humanitix hosted a conference in Melbourne to denounce the increasing militarisation in Australia and the consequential inverting of public resources away from essential government spending like public housing, education, aged care, childcare and health. The speakers were: NSW Greens Senator David Shoebridge, 3CR presenter Mercedes, Zanker and member of Renegade Activists, Louisa Bassini Inner Melbourne Community Legal, Nina Tory-Henderson, Architect, Building Action Now (B.A.N.) See the event [HERE](#).



WHITE POPPY DAY ON THE EVE OF ANZAC DAY

[Just Peace Queensland](#)

April 24, 2026
Brisbane (Australia)

On April 24, for Remembrance Day or Anzac Day, Just Peace Queensland handed out crocheted white poppies, attached to an information card, to the students of Brisbane State High School. This action is part of years longer project, inspired by Margid Bryn Burns, who has been working on the creation of the poppies since the beginning of it. The flower is meant as a symbol of peace, worn either in place of or in addition to the red remembrance poppy for Remembrance Day or Anzac Day.

On the occasion of SIPRI's release of 2026 military spending data, Peace Movement Aotearoa shared an analysis of the global figures on its social media channels. Alongside the global data, the analysis focused on Aotearoa New Zealand's ongoing prioritization of military spending over health and environmental action.

New Zealand's military spending:

While New Zealand does not feature in the SIPRI rankings of the highest increases in military spending this year as it did in 2023, that is simply because other states increased their spending by more, not because New Zealand's military spending has decreased.

Despite the urgent need for action on climate mitigation and adaptation, as well as the desperate need for increased funding for essential public services including health, housing, education, and support for persons with disabilities, successive New Zealand governments continue to prioritise military spending.

In last year's Budget, it was revealed that military spending in the 2024/25 FY was \$9,212,916,000 (NZD), with \$5,735,742,000 allocated so far for the year ahead... that's an average of more than \$110 million every week. New Zealand's enthusiasm for being an integral part of the global cycle of violence has led to the shameful spectre of military spending being at least doubled over the next seven years, announced last year as New Zealand seeks to be a combat capable "force multiplier" with "enhanced lethality and deterrent effect" - a further threat to the possibility of substantive action on human health and wellbeing, and on climate justice both here in Aotearoa and in the region.

Pacific communities and leaders have repeatedly stated that climate change is the existential security threat to the region, but New Zealand's focus is on more militarisation rather than climate action.

The Pacific is already one of the most highly militarised regions in the world, although only four Pacific island nations have armed forces. The overwhelming majority of militarisation in the Pacific comes from outside the region - military bases, military live training exercises, military alliances including AUKUS, military involvement in extractive industries, and military occupation by the armed forces of Indonesia, France and the United States, in particular, as well as increased militarisation by Australia, Britain, China, Russia and New Zealand.

Surely there are better things New Zealand could be doing in the Pacific based on a dedicated focus on demilitarisation so that existing threats can be properly addressed and resourced, rather than fabricating more. (...). To read the full post: [Facebook](#) ▶ [Re-Tweet](#) ▶ Formatted for [printing](#) ▶ [Scoop Independent News](#)



Other resources by Aotearoa New Zealand Campaign on Military Spending:

<https://www.converge.org.nz/pma/gdams.htm>

AMERICAS

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PROTEST AGAINST FEDERAL TAX DOLLARS FOR WAR

[Milwaukee War Tax Resistance](#), [Casa Maria Catholic Worker](#), [Welfare Warriors](#), [Peace Action of Wisconsin](#)

April 11, 2026
Milwaukee (US)

On April 11, Milwaukee War Tax Resistance, Casa Maria Catholic Worker, Welfare Warriors, Peace Action of Wisconsin organized a protest against federal tax dollars being used for war and US Army Reserve. Long-time war tax resister Lincoln Rice was invited to host a question and answer session on war tax resistance.

TAX DAY REDIRECTION ACTION AT ALBINA LIBRARY

[OC Peace Fund](#)

April 11, 2026
Portland (US)

On April 11, OC Peace Fund organized a Tax Day Redirection Action at Albina Library, with the participation of local singer-songwriter and activist David Rovics.

TABLING BOOTH AT RENO PUNK ROCK FLEA MARKET - NATIONAL WAR TAX RESISTANCE COORDINATING COMMITTEE

[National War Tax Resistance Coordinating Committee](#)

April 10-12, 2026
Albuquerque (US)

From 10 to 12 April, The National War Tax Resistance Coordinating Committee installed a tabling booth at the Reno Punk Rock Flea Market at El Sol in Sparks, Nevada. They planned to track all donations, Mutual aid \$, and tithes made to 501 organizations and organized a "big-check" presentation ceremony to donate the funds.

"BURMA-SHAVE" SIGN HOLDING

[War Resisters League - Portland](#)

April 15, 2026
Portland (US)

On April 15, on Tax Day, War Resisters League-Portland organized an action consisting in holding "Burma-Shave" style signs against war and militarisation on the bridges of the city, during the morning commute.

TABLING AT THE UNION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO
[National War Tax Resistance Coordinating Committee](#)

April 15, 2026
Albuquerque (US)

On April 15, on Tax Day, National War Tax Resistance set up a tabling at the Union of the University of New Mexico, to protest against the US military budget and promote war tax resistance among university community.
Read the organization press release [HERE](#).

VIGIL, MUSIC, AND LEAFLETING AT IRS OFFICE
[NYC War Resisters League](#)

April 15, 2026
New York (US)

On April 15, Tax Day, NYC War Resisters League, Taxpayers Against Genocide, New York Catholic Worker, Kairos Community, Pax Christi NYS, Brooklyn For Peace, and more organized an action in front of IRS Office at 290 Broadway (off Duane St.).



Reference: Ed Hedemann on Facebook page of NYC War Resister league

LEAFLETING WITH WRL PIE CHART AND PENNY POLL
[National War Tax Resistance Coordinating Committee](#)

April 15, 2026
St. Louis (US)

On April 15, Tax Day, WRL organized a vigil and leafleting action at Old Court House in St. Louis (Missouri), distributing the War Resister League pie chart flyers “Where Your Income Tax Money Really Goes”, update to 2026.
Download the chart [HERE](#).

TAXES FOR PEACE NOT WAR - PLANET VS PENTAGON AND ALLIES
[Planet vs Pentagon](#)

April 15, 2026
Eugene (US)

On April 15, Tax Day, Taxes for Peace Not War, Planet vs Pentagon and allies organized a leafleting action in front of the federal building that hosts the IRS and ICE. They also installed some banners that showed how much of US tax dollars go to the military and how little goes to life affirming things; such as planting trees, protecting parks, ending hunger, providing affordable healthcare and housing.

"OUR MONEY... THEIR WARS!" PROTEST - NEW JERSEY STATE HOUSE

[Taxpayers Against Genocide](#)

April 15, 2026
New Jersey (US)

On April 15, Tax Day, Taxpayers Against Genocide and many others organized the "Our Money... Their Wars!" protest at the New Jersey State House. The demonstration hosted a talk of a local war tax resister.

NO TAXES FOR WAR OR ICE - CHICAGO

[USPCN Chicago](#), [Anti-War Committee Chicago](#), & [CAARPR Immigrant Rights Working Committee](#)

April 15, 2026
Chicago (US)

On April 15, Tax Day, USPCN Chicago (@uspcn), Anti-War Committee Chicago (@antiwarchicago), & CAARPR Immigrant Rights Working Committee (@caarpr) organized a mass protest in front of the Google building. The action was meant to oppose the use of taxpayer dollars for the US war aggression against Iran and genocidal threats against the entire population, the direct attacks on Venezuela sovereignty, the continued genocide on the Palestinian people, and mass violence by ICE in the US.

PUBLIC OUTREACH AT WASHINGTON SQUARE PARK

[NYC War Resisters League](#), [Taxpayers Against Genocide](#)

April 15, 2026
New York (US)

On April 15, Tax day, NYC War Resisters League, Taxpayers Against Genocide, New York Catholic Worker, Kairos Community, Pax Christi NYS, Brooklyn For Peace (and more) organized a Public Outreach at Washington Square Park.

Tucson Anti-War Committee Protest at Federal Building

[Tucson Anti-War Committee](#)

April 15, 2026
Tucson (US)

On April 15, Tax Day, organizations across Tucson joined the call of or a national day of protest by the @antiwaractionnetwork. They all meet for a protest outside the Federal Building to say NO to Trump's war on Iran and his continued escalations and threats against countries around the world.



Reference: Paul Ingram on [TucsonSentinel](#)

SECOND ANNUAL DUBUQUE TAX DAY BIKE RIDE

Little Platte Catholic Worker Farm

April 17, 2026

Dubuque (US)

On April 17, Little Platte Catholic Worker Farm organized the Second Annual Dubuque Tax Day Bike Ride. The crowd, dressed with bright colors and costumes, crossed the city passing out flyers about the action.

TREE MARCH: PLANT TREES, NOT WAR

Cleveland Nonviolent Network

April 18, 2026

Cleveland (US)

On April 18, the Cleveland Nonviolent Network organized the "Tree March: Plant Trees, Not War". The aim of the action was to provide a hopeful vision of peace for the world through the concrete action of planting trees that can inspire and shelter future generations. Simultaneously, the marchers opposed to the current US military investment, identifying US military as the largest carbon emitter in the world emitting. In this direction, planting trees is considered as a way to combat global carbon emission by reabsorbing carbon from the atmosphere. On the operational side, the goal was for the tree march to have at least 200 marchers carrying tree saplings with 100 people or groups previously committed to planting, nurturing and reporting 3 times a year for 5 years on the well-being of their adopted saplings after the march.

TORONTO RALLY "CUT MILITARY SPENDING FOR A GREEN, PEACE CARE ECONOMY"

Canadian Voice of Women for Peace & the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom-Canada

April 21, 2026

Toronto (Canada)

On April 21, Canadian Voice of Women for Peace & the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom-Canada organized a peace rally to mark Earth Day and Global Campaign Against Military Spending. The action was specifically directed to the massively increased military spending by the Liberal government under Trudeau and Carney, from \$20 billion in 2014 to \$62 billion in 2025 according to the latest NATO Defence Expenditures report. Furthermore, the government announced reckless plans to further boost the military budget to \$150 billion annually by 2035 to reach NATO's 5% GDP, which will worsen global warming and risk war.

"We are calling on the Minister of Environment MP Julie Dabrusin to cut military spending and move the money to a just transition to renewable energy and a green, peace care economy that protects the earth and improves the lives of Canadians. We want the federal government to demilitarize, decarbonize and decolonize. We will have our banners, buttons and leaflets and an open letter to MP Dabrusin".



TABLING AT THE UNION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO
National War Tax Resistance Coordinating Committee

April 15, 2026
Albuquerque (US)

On April 15, on Tax Day, National War Tax Resistance set up a tabling at the Union of the University of New Mexico, to protest against the US military budget and promote war tax resistance among university community.
Read the organization press release [HERE](#).

'MOVE THE MONEY' JOINT CAMPAIGN
Dhesarme & WILPF Brasil

April 15, 2026
Foz do Iguaçu, Paraná
(Brazil)

Dhesarme and WILPF produced as part of GDAMS symbolic banknotes based on the Brazilian real, marked with blood drops and featuring a cluster munition at the center. This visual aims to draw attention to the fact that Brazil is not a signatory to the Convention on Cluster Munitions and continues to produce them. The notes will also include a QR code directing to an informational report on Brazilian military spending, based on SIPRI data. The following pictures were taken at the Federal University of Latin American Integration (UNILA).



Photos: Foto: Acervo / Dhesarme / WILPF Brasil

FOSSIL FUELS, MILITARISM, AND THE PATH TO PEACE: A FEMINIST JUST TRANSITION

April 28, 2026
Santa Marta (Colombia)

[Peace Boat](#), [Fossil Fuel Treaty Initiative](#), [Women's International League for Peace and Freedom \(WILPF\)](#), [LIMPAL Colombia](#), [Conflict and Environment Observatory \(CEOBS\)](#).

On April 28, Peace Boat, the Fossil Fuel Treaty Initiative, the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF), LIMPAL Colombia and the Conflict and Environment Observatory (CEOBS) organized a conference about the links between fossil fuels and militarism, in the same days of the First International Conference on the Just Transition Away from Fossil Fuels in Santa Marta. The discussion centred feminist and gender-just approaches to security, highlighting how militarism and fossil fuel extraction reinforce inequality and disproportionately impact women and marginalised communities, highlighting the urgency of shifting resources from military spending toward a fair energy transition that address the root causes of conflict.

The panel was recorded and can be watched [here](#).

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Launch of the Double Dividend report

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28 April 2026
10:15-12pm
Hilton Garden Hotel
Aquabahia Room
Cra. 1c #24-04, Comuna 2
Santa Marta

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Speakers:

- Ellie Kinney, Climate and Environment Observatory (CEOBS)
- Amiera Sawas, Fossil Fuel Treaty Initiative
- Genevieve Riccoboni, WILPF
- Diana Salcedo, WILPF Colombia - LIMPAL
- Ana Sanchez Mera, Global Energy Embargo for Palestine
- Mitzi Jonelle Tan, International League of Peoples' Struggle

Moderator: Maria Antonia Perez, Peace Boat

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THE CANADIAN ECONOMY IS BEING MILITARIZED! FIGHT BACK! World Beyond War

May 02, 2026
Montreal (Canada)

On May 02, World Beyond War hosted a public information session on the militarization of Canadian economy near the Concordia University's SGW campus in Montreal.



See their Instagram post [here](#).

ARTICLE & INFOGRAPHIC ON AMERICAN MILEX

Derecho a la Paz

April 28, 2026

(Chile)

Together with 'Observatorio para el cierre de la Escuela de las Americas', Derecho a la Paz prepared an article and an infographic which they shared through their network to raise awareness on global military spending, with a particular focus on countries of the Western hemisphere. Read more [here](#).





We extend our deepest gratitude to every partner, collaborator, activist, and friend who made GDAMS 2026 possible. Your continued involvement—even during these challenging times—reflects the genuine commitment to peace and disarmament that drives our movement. We look forward to reuniting next year to continue this vital work.



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