

# German Activists in Solidarity with US Drone Protesters

*Elsa Rassbach* sent the following in support of the Creech events, an antiwar convergence to Shut Down Creech Drone operations:

## **“SHUT DOWN CREECH!” – MESSAGE OF SOLIDARITY FROM THE GERMAN DRONE CAMPAIGN**

The German Drone Campaign (Drohnen-Kampagne) sends greetings of solidarity for your courageous actions on March 4th-6th in Nevada to “Shut Down Creech!”

The German Drone Campaign was founded in March 2013. Since then nearly 150 organizations and tens of thousands of individuals in Germany have endorsed our call against the use of drone technology for war, surveillance and oppression.

We in Germany have been inspired by the strong efforts and the many sacrifices made by U.S. citizens to stop murder by drone, beginning with actions of civil disobedience in Creech in 2009. We were honored to work together with you on mounting the successful Global Action Day Against the Use of Drones for Surveillance and Killing on October 4, 2014, with more than 60 local actions worldwide (see [http://globaldayofaction.nationbuilder.com/view\\_all\\_events\\_oct\\_1st\\_12th](http://globaldayofaction.nationbuilder.com/view_all_events_oct_1st_12th)). In Berlin, we flew kites at the historic Reichstag, which is now the seat of the German Parliament:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/uwehiksch/sets/72157647956651900/with/15253158070/>

Under German law, extra-judicial “targeted” drone killings are murders that must be prosecuted. Each of the U.S. drone murders begins with a phone call from the drone pilot at Creech or another base in the U.S. to Ramstein Air Base in

Germany, according to the testimony of former drone pilots in the U.S.A. If the German government were to prohibit the use of Ramstein Air Base for the illegal U.S. drone strikes, which by law it must, this would immediately put a stop these drone murders.

The Drone Campaign and other concerned German citizens, as well as leading German media, NGOs, and Members of the German Parliament, have taken first steps to end the complicity of the German government in allowing the use of U.S. military bases in Germany, such as Ramstein and AFRICOM, for the illegal U.S. drone wars.

And in February 2014 European Parliament passed by an overwhelming majority (534 to 49) a Joint Resolution demanding that the European Council and the European states "ensure that the Member States, in conformity with their legal obligations, do not perpetrate unlawful targeted killings or facilitate such killings by other states."

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?pubRef=-//EP//TEXT+MOTION+P7-RC-2014-0201+0+DOC+XML+V0//EN>

We see it as our special responsibility to build a movement in Germany which will bring sufficient pressure on the German government so as to end the illegal U.S. drone wars that are killing and terrorizing so many innocent people.

Let us work together hand in hand going forward to end the use of drones for surveillance and killing.

Thank you for your courageous efforts!

German Drone Campaign (Drohnen-Kampagne)

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**For immediate release**

**Hundreds of Activists Converge on Creech Air Force Base in Nevada, USA**

[http://www.opednews.com/articles/Hundreds-of-Activists-Conv-by-Press-Release-Activists\\_Children\\_Drone\\_Non-Violence-150305-197.html](http://www.opednews.com/articles/Hundreds-of-Activists-Conv-by-Press-Release-Activists_Children_Drone_Non-Violence-150305-197.html)

## **In Germany activists vow to end the use of Ramstein and AFRICOM for the illegal US drone wars**

<https://cooptv.wordpress.com/2015/03/06/shut-down-creech-message-of-solidarity-from-the-german-drone-campaign/>

<http://warisacrime.org/content/shut-down-creech-message-solidarity-german-drone-campaign>

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<http://shutdowncreech.blogspot.de>

Photos:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1525740921010540/>

Videos:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cREN3PfSQpc>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hVB6D2iVb70>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y0mqWrWMXgc>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KXX3400Iimc>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0lXQ5cuwXzE>

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