

# Protesters Speak Out at Hancock (Video)

Hancock is a Reaper Drone hub on the US mainland which is focused on training drone pilots and technicians, and flies deadly Reaper drone missions over Afghanistan and Pakistan. Hancock is scheduled to increase it's personnel by half over the coming year. Upstate Drone Action members have been engaging in civil resistance at Hancock since 2011.

On September 26th, activists delivered a People's Indictment to the base and stood in the inbound lane of the main entrance to Hancock with signs and images of the ongoing holocaust caused by drone killing. After about an hour the activists were arrested and charged with Trespass and Disorderly Conduct.

*Heriberto Rodriguez filmed the following series of interviews with activists at the base shortly before their arrests.*

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## CONNECTING THE DOTS... NO BAN, NO WALL, NO KILLER DRONES at Hancock Airport/Air Base

Thank God for the great crowd of 1,000 protesting Trump's Ban of Immigrants at Syracuse International Airport, as thousands flooded airports all across the US last Saturday night, Jan. 28th, when the ban first went into effect!

We have a beautiful foto of a member of the Afghan Youth Peace

Team with a poster saying "We Wish to Live Without War". The youth sent a bolt of the sky blue fabric to US drone activists to wear as blue scarves to remember their wish for blue skies...skies safe without killer and surveillance drones hovering over them and assassinating them causing people to flee and become refugees.

Ironically on the other side of the same Hancock Airport campus of Syracuse is Hancock Air National Guard Drone Base. Many locals are not aware that the US assassinates people from Hancock Drone Base. Our US drone policy of execution without due process is a part of the driving force for the refugee crisis throughout the seven countries Trump has listed in his ban of people from the Middle East.

Lets work together to connect the dots...drone assassinations cause people to flee...who become refugees... who need asylum in other countries...countries who shut their borders to refugees...like the US under Trump.

I invite that great crowd of 1,000 to come around the corner to the other entrance of the same airport campus...to the Hancock Drone Base on East Malloy Rd, in DeWitt, East Syracuse, and demand that Hancock end their drone killings with MQ9-Reaper drones. We violate our US Constitution and International Law when we kill with drones.

We, who gather, would be giving a message of peace to the world and to the parents and children of the Middle East, saying "You can stay and live in peace in your own homes. You don't have to flee the drones and become refugees. We, too, wish that you live without war."

Please join us as we continue to say #NOKILLERDRONES Hancock Air National Guard Base -4:15-5pm 1st Tues. every month @ 6001 East Molloy Road, Mattydale, NY 13211.

You are welcome to attend the trial of the [Big Books](#) defendants, who were arrested March 10, 2015.

They are charged with Trespass, Disorderly Conduct and Obstructing Government Administration  
A jury trial is scheduled for:

5 PM, February 28th, 2017  
@ DeWitt Town Court  
5400 Butternut Dr, East Syracuse, NY 13057

**Codefendants** in the trial (from the left): Ed Kinane (Syracuse, NY), Fr. Bill Pickard (Scranton, PA), Brian Hynes (Bronx, NY), Daniel Burns (Ithaca, NY) and James Ricks



(Ithaca, NY) on the far right, Attorney's Jonathan Wallace and Daire Irwin of Buffalo, NY. (2nd and 3rd from the right) will advise them.

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