

PACIFIC PEOPLE'S DECLARATION FOR PEACE

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We, the peoples of the Pacific, aim to create a peaceful, sustainable, and thriving region free of militarism and its negative consequences. We stand in solidarity with each other, empowered by the spirit of our ancestors and as stewards of Moana Nui (the Pacific Ocean). We envision the following:

- A halt to all military exercises (in land, sea and air) in the Pacific region that threatens the sustainability of our physical environment;
- The closure of all foreign military bases, facilities and installations;
- The clean-up of all toxic military sites that have led to the death of people in surrounding base communities to cancer and other diseases that result from exposure to toxic military contamination of lands, territories, and waters;
- The end to weapons testing in the Pacific, and the increasing weapons sales through the introduction of new weaponry in the guise of modernizing and capacitating the military forces of allied countries through the year-round military training and exercise
- An end to the creeping militarisation that pervades politics and the economies of our region

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Your endorsement of this declaration happens in the lead up to one of 2 major Pacific military exercises Talisman Sabre 2021 where many thousands of military personnel will be training for war.

This military exercise occurs on alternate years with Rim of the Pacific RIMPAC in Hawaii. It brings together the Australian Defence Force (ADF) and United States (US) military plus many other countries during a time of global pandemic.

This is an important time to call out the dangers of militarism to the Pacific regions that include:

- the destruction of the environment
- the violation of the self-determination of Indigenous Peoples
- the sexual exploitation of women and girls
- land dispossession
- irresponsible global military spending
- threats to common security and

- an increasing threat of major war between the U.S. and China.

Talisman Sabre takes place every two years on land and sea around Shoalwater Bay in Central Queensland, home of the Great Barrier Reef. **Countries participating in 2021: Australia, US, Canada, Japan, Republic of Korea, New Zealand, and the United Kingdom. France, India and Indonesia are also expected to participate as observer nations.**

It is one of more than 1,500 exercises under the control of US Pacific Command including exercises that take place annually with Japan, Korea, Australia, Thailand and the Philippines. The 7th Fleet exercises include: Tandem Thrust, Valiant Blitz, Keen Edge, RIMPAC, Sea Bat, Tricrab, Deselex, Shin Kame, Lungfish.

This Declaration and the upcoming webinar on the 24th July is an initiative of the Pacific Peace Network formed 2 years ago in response to the alarming buildup of military forces in the Pacific and the US Pacific Pivot.

The organising committee members come from Guahan, Philippines, New Zealand, Australia and Hawaii/US.

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