

No MUOS Struggle

The MUOS (Mobile User Objective System) is a project of the US army Marines , for the objective of assuring telecommunications between lightweight mobile units (for example, soldiers on the ground or drones). The system will be composed of five satellites and four ground terminals, which will each host three giant parabolic antennas. It is considered by the Navy as one of its most powerful weapons of the 21st century.

One of these terminals is previewed for Niscemi, right in the heart of Sicily, inside the US military base NRTF (Naval Radio Trasmitter Facility), which have been creating, since 1991, some fortyish vertical antennas that communicate with the military through the air, on the ground, in the ocean and to the depths of the submarines.

The NRTF antennas, those that will be joined by those of the MUOS, represent an attack of the most derisive of the class with control over the rest of the population.

On one side, the electromagnetic radiation bring with them grand risks for health (cancers, malformations), security (perturbation of civil and military aviation, accidental explosion of weapons, deregulation of medical equipment in hospitals) and the environment (genetic mutations of plants and animals, burns, lowered numbers of bee populations)

On the other side, this will permit a super powered army to continue to advance its game pieces, in its geostrategic vision, some kilometres from the Middle Orient and the north of Africa. As was seen in the recent bombardments in Libya, Sicily, the biggest island of the Mediterranean, is being progressively transformed, with its US military bases (including NRTF antennas of Niscemi). Add to this NATO, with their aircraft carriers advancing western imperialism, and with doors of the European Union becoming a threatening, impenetrable fortress, rendering immigration from countries in Africa and Asia increasingly difficult. For this last point, we can consider that the immigrants called "clandestines", whose force to work is constantly devalued in Europe, and who left their countries being victims of war find themselves menaced by the same international bougeouise who now find themselves heads of these projects of militarisation.

Finally, the construction of the MUOS is implicated within the business of mafia, put more at risk by a shaky economy and tightened within the structures of control.

This situation is not unique to this region, but together with those of us who submit to the face of this system for over 200 years, the proletariat, being YOU.

In effect, this project reinforces the perspective of capitalist global transformation of the territory. We can link this construction here with others previewed, for example, in the Val de Susa in Italy (a highspeed trainline) or with Notre-Dame-Des-Landes in France (an airport), and its possible to see the constant factor between them all: to create a fluidity of the circulation of people and of capital, for example to cross a military control with petrol resources of one country, or a high speed railwayline (TGV) between two zones of high industrial development (Lyon, France, and Torino, Italy).

For all these reasons, **the committees of the No MUOS** of several villages and cities, since 2011, are not fighting only against the antennas, but also against the politics that criminalize immigration. They will not be content to only dismantle the military base in Sicily, but they desire to construct a society freed of the capitalist logic that destroy our lives and the environment. Therefore, the committees of the No MUOS participate in the combat against the mafia, in the struggles for housing and against austerity, sensing a solidarity with other movements such as the No TAV (Val de Susa) and La ZAD (Notre Dame Des Landes).

The fight against the MUOS aims for the reappropriation of our lives. It needs to continue to grow, above the Alps, to the other side of the ocean, to cross the borders.

THIS STRUGGLE IS YOURS!

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