

# PEOPLE'S CARAVAN AGAINST WAR DRILLS

Struggle for Sovereignty Against Imperialist Wars  
and War Preparations



## What are Military Exercises?

The U.S. War Department calls military exercises "structured, large-scale training operations" designed to simulate combat and test readiness. But in reality, the U.S. uses them to escalate tensions with rival powers toward war and to subordinate neo-colonies and colonies to its war agendas. The peoples directly impacted by these exercises, and the military buildup that accompanies them, already live under conditions of war. In these exercises the U.S., its puppet regimes and allies sink and explode ships, practice aerial bombing runs over civilian villages, conduct electronic warfare to jam enemy communications, and rehearse rapid troop invasions into sovereign territories transforming a swath of ocean and land into a onslaught off all out war.

On beaches, in neighborhoods, and on the seas where they fish, raise families, and sustain livelihoods, U.S. military exercises are violent disruptions and attacks on human life. People are blockaded in their own homes for weeks, denied access to fishing and work, poisoned by environmental contamination from missile and bomb tests, and forced to watch the destruction of their land all while massive state budgets are drained into war spending by their corrupt puppet governments, depriving nations of essential welfare services like health, education, and housing.

## What is the History and Current Relevance of these Exercises?

Historically, ruling classes have used war games to train armies, test strategies of subjugation, and refine the most efficient methods of crushing resistance among oppressed peoples and classes. But unlike previous colonial and imperialist powers, which mostly trained their own national armies, the U.S. systematically uses a global network of puppet regimes and allied states in its multinational exercises, dragging them into war games designed to provoke armed conflict. Whether rehearsing invasion of the socialist bloc in Europe, staging provocations near the borders of China and Russia, or practicing counterinsurgency against national liberation movements in the Global South, U.S.-led exercises serve to prepare for war by mobilizing an international army of client states, normalizing aggression, and creating conditions for direct military intervention.

The U.S. leads and constructs these military exercises to maintain domination over foreign markets, lands, and resources through its massive military machine. As U.S. imperialism descends into crisis, losing zones of influence, facing challenges to its hegemony over markets, industrial production, and technological development, it is frantically preparing for war in a multipolar world as its only way to maintain its dominance. Subsequently it is involving more countries, in greater scale, higher frequency war exercises racing toward the preparation of a World War III scenario



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## **Why Are Exercises are Essential to U.S. War Strategy of “Full Spectrum Domination”?**

These so-called exercises are an essential part of the newest U.S. military doctrine of "full spectrum dominance." This concept, formally articulated by the U.S. Department of Defense in Joint Vision 2020, is defined as the ability of U.S. forces, operating alone or with allies, "to defeat any adversary and control any situation across the range of military operations." In practice, this doctrine connects all parts of the U.S. military with all military components of its allied forces (the Philippines, Korea, Japan, Australia, etc.), making their systems increasingly interoperable and more devastating towards what ever the U.S. deems to be its target. This stems from a depraved history of subjugating entire national militaries, like those of the Philippines and Korea, as mere extensions of U.S. command and control. Ultimately, interoperability increases the U.S. ability to use the peoples of the world as cannon fodder in its wars of aggression.

### **The People Fight back!**

The everyday toll of these exercises is dismissed as mere "collateral damage" and deliberately concealed by governments who know that greater awareness leads to greater solidarity with those on the front lines. Yet those who live face-to-face with these impacts are fighting back, and the level of solidarity must rise to meet them.

People are refusing to let their countries be dragged into U.S. war games, protesting their own governments' participation and complicity in these exercises, blockading and occupying bases and warehouses that house the weapons systems used in these drills, and exposing the corporations that profit from weapons production. They are documenting U.S. military crimes, filing lawsuits, launching justice campaigns, flooding the streets in mass protest, and even taking up arms to confront the U.S. use of their land for war aims.

Join the Resist U.S.-Led War Movement in our People's Caravan against war drills. Raise the level of solidarity and fight U.S. war preparations by taking direct action against the exercises, staging rallies and demonstrations to show mass opposition, and hosting educational events and webinars to share strategies and tactics across our movements.

By taking this coordinated, mobile, and decentralized approach, members and allies of the Resist U.S.-Led War Movement will confront Freedom Shield in Korea, Balikatan in the Philippines, Rim of the Pacific in Occupied Hawai'i, Talisman Sabre in Australia, REFORPAC in Guam, Garuda Shield in Indonesia, and PANAX (location in Latin America to be defined).

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