

An open call to all States to stop facilitating extrajudicial killings

We, the undersigned organizations, call on all States to immediately **cease or refrain from supporting US extrajudicial killings in the Caribbean Sea and Pacific Ocean.**

Since September 2025, the United States military has killed more than 175 people aboard small vessels in the Caribbean Sea and Pacific Ocean. The identities of most victims remain unknown, and there is no evidence that they posed any imminent threat to individuals or to the United States. Nevertheless, the Trump administration has signaled that these unlawful attacks will continue and in fact escalate, including through land strikes.

Legal experts, civil society, former US government lawyers, and former and current US servicemembers agree: the US is committing extrajudicial killings under international law. The right to life and due process are fundamental principles of international law. These strikes—conducted outside of armed conflict, without a charge or trial, and against individuals merely accused of engaging in drug trafficking, which does not constitute an imminent threat or armed attack—amount to clear violations of these rights.

Third States can incur legal responsibility for aiding or assisting another State in their commission of internationally wrongful acts, including extrajudicial killings and crimes against humanity. Forms of cooperation such as intelligence sharing, access to military bases, and the provision of logistical support may meet the threshold for aiding and assisting where they facilitate the identification, tracking, and targeting of vessels. Given the public nature of these strikes and the glaring lack of a lawful justification, States cannot plausibly claim ignorance of the risks associated with their support.

The consequences of the United States' extrajudicial killings are being felt in communities across the region. Families awaiting the return of their loved ones may never know what happened to them and have no access to recourse. Coastal communities have witnessed human remains washing up on shore and fear for their lives when they trade and fish, sowing psychological trauma and undermining livelihoods.

All States must immediately cease or refrain from providing any assistance that could contribute to these unlawful killings. Failure to do so facilitates the continuation of this lawless campaign, undermines the rule of law, and risks incurring legal responsibility under international law.

Undersigned

1. Action Corps
2. Action on Armed Violence (AOAV)
3. Action Sécurité Éthique Républicaines

4. Airwars
5. AIVL
6. Aksion Plus
7. akzept e.V. Bundesverband für akzeptierende Drogenarbeit und humane Drogenpolitik
8. Alianza Americas
9. ALIANZA POR LA VIDA - “Yungas HOY”: con Justicia y Dignidad
10. Alliance of Baptists
11. Almonqith Organization for Human Rights
12. American Civil Liberties Union
13. American Friends Service Committee
14. Amnesty International
15. Asociación Costarricense de Reducción de Daños
16. Asociación Costarricense para el Estudio e Intervención en Drogas
17. Asociación para Políticas Públicas - APP
18. Associazione Luca Coscioni
19. AUBE: The Voice of Medical Cannabis Patients
20. Broken No More
21. Campaign Against Arms Trade
22. Campaign for Peace, Disarmament and Common Security
23. Cannabis Sans Frontières
24. Center for Civilians in Conflict (CIVIC)
25. Center for Constitutional Rights
26. Center for Economic and Policy Research
27. Center for International Policy
28. Center for Victims of Torture
29. Centro de Estudios Legales y Sociales (CELS)
30. The Chamberlain Network
31. CODEPINK
32. Colombia Human Rights Committee
33. Common Defense
34. Comunita’ San Benedetto al Porto
35. Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd, U.S. Region
36. Corporación Humanas
37. Corporación Viso Mutop
38. Correlation-European Harm Reduction Network (C-EHRN)
39. Deutscher Hanfverband (DHV) - German Cannabis Association
40. Drug Policy Alliance
41. Drug Policy Network South East Europe
42. Drugs and Human Rights Research Center, CIDDH
43. Ecumenical Advocacy Network on the Philippines

44. Elementa - Colombia
45. Elementa - Mexico
46. The Episcopal Church
47. European Coalition for Just and Effective Drug Policies (ENCOD)
48. Foreningen Tryggere Ruspolitikk
49. Forum Droghe
50. Friends Committee on National Legislation
51. Fundación Latinoamérica Reforma
52. Fundación Regional de Asesoría en Derechos Humanos INREDH
53. Global Exchange
54. Harm Reduction International
55. Health and Opportunity Network
56. Help Not Handcuffs, Inc.
57. HIV Legal Network
58. Hope Border Institute
59. Housing Works
60. Human Rights and the Drug War
61. Human Rights Defense Center
62. Human Rights First
63. Human Rights Watch
64. IDLARC
65. ImPact Coalition on Strengthening International Judicial Institutions
66. Iniciativa Negra por Uma Nova Política de Drogas (Brazil)
67. Institute for Policy Studies, Drug Policy Project
68. Instituto RIA, AC
69. Intercambios Civil Association
70. International Drug Policy Consortium (IDPC)
71. International Network of People Who Use Drugs (INPUD)
72. International Peace Bureau (IPB)
73. JusticeMakers Bangladesh in France (JMBF)
74. Latin America/Caribbean Committee of the Loretto Community
75. Latin America Working Group
76. Lebanese Center for Human Rights (CLDH)
77. Legacies of War
78. Legalize!
79. MADRE
80. Mainline
81. Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns
82. Massachusetts Peace Action
83. Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

84. Muslims for Just Futures
85. My Brain My Choice Initiative (Germany)
86. National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd
87. National Immigration Law Center
88. National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML)
89. Netherlands Drug Policy Foundation
90. A New PATH (Parents for Addiction Treatment & Healing)
91. New York State Harm Reduction Association
92. Oxfam America
93. Parsec
94. Peace Action
95. Peace Action New York State
96. Pittsburgh-Matanzas Sister Cities Partnership
97. PREKURSOR Foundation
98. Quixote Center
99. Recovering Nepal
100. Release (UK)
101. Reprieve US
102. Richmond Fellowship Nepal
103. Rule of Law and Accountability Advocacy Centre (RULAAC)
104. Safer Youth Norway
105. SAOL Project
106. September 11th Families for Peaceful Tomorrows
107. Shadow World Investigations
108. SOMOS SUR - Bolivia
109. La Società della Ragione
110. Società INformazione ETS
111. SOHRAM-CASRA - Centre Action Social Réhabilitation et Réadaptation pour la Victime de la Torture et de la Guerre
112. St. Ann's Corner of Harm Reduction
113. StoptheDrugWar.org
114. The Swedish Peace and Arbitration Society
115. Transform Drug Policy Foundation
116. Transnational Institute
117. Unitarian Universalist Service Committee
118. United for Peace and Justice
119. The United Methodist Church - General Board of Church and Society
120. Veterans Action Council
121. Washington Brazil Office
122. Washington Office on Latin America (WOLA)

123. WHRIN
124. Witness at the Border
125. Women's International League for Peace and Freedom