

**Prevention exports
of weapons
to conflict zones
International Conference
„Move the Nuclear Weapons Money
for a Sustainable Future“,
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Presentation and Discussion with Jürgen Grässlin,

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Critical Shareholder of the Daimler AG und Heckler & Koch;
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- 1) The global trade in conventional weapons
(excluding ABC weapons)
- 2) The German trade in conventional weapons
- 3) The Swiss trade in conventional weapons

**4) Successful activism against the arms trade by the
“Aktion Aufschrei – Stoppt den Waffenhandel”,
the GLOBAL NET –STOP THE ARMS TRADE
and the Critical Shareholders**



Table 1. The 25 largest exporters of major arms and their main clients, 2013–17

Note: Percentage of total is rounded to 1 decimal place (except for percentages over 10 which are rounded to whole numbers).

Exporter	Share of arms exports (%)		Per cent change from 2008–12 to 2013–17 ^a	Main clients (share of exporter's total exports, %), 2013–17		
	2013–17	2008–12		1st	2nd	3rd
1 United States	34	30	25	Saudi Arabia (18)	UAE (7.4)	Australia (6.7)
2 Russia	22	26	-7.1	India (35)	China (12)	Viet Nam (10)
3 France	6.7	5.8	27	Egypt (25)	China (8.6)	India (8.5)
4 Germany	5.8	7.4	-14	South Korea (14)	Greece (11)	Israel (8.7)
5 China	5.7	4.6	38	Pakistan (35)	Bangladesh (19)	Algeria (10)
6 United Kingdom	4.8	3.8	37	Saudi Arabia (49)	Oman (14)	Indonesia (9.9)
7 Spain	2.9	2.9	12	Australia (34)	Turkey (14)	Saudi Arabia (8.3)
8 Israel	2.9	2.1	55	India (49)	Azerbaijan (13)	Viet Nam (6.3)
9 Italy	2.5	2.4	13	UAE (12)	Turkey (10)	Algeria (9.9)
10 Netherlands	2.1	2.1	14	Jordan (15)	Indonesia (15)	USA (11)
11 Ukraine	1.7	2.5	-26	Russia (23)	China (20)	Thailand (12)
12 South Korea	1.2	0.8	65	Indonesia (26)	Iraq (24)	Philippines (11)
13 Switzerland	0.9	1.1	-11	Saudi Arabia (20)	China (17)	USA (11)
14 Sweden	0.9	2.0	-53	UAE (17)	Thailand (16)	Saudi Arabia (13)
15 Turkey	0.8	0.4	145	Turkmenistan (31)	UAE (24)	Saudi Arabia (16)

Source: TRENDS IN INTERNATIONAL ARMS TRANSFERS
SIPRI Fact Sheet, March 2019



Top 10 recipients of German arms exports in 2017

Land	2017 (in Mio. €)	2016 (in Mio. €)
1. Algeria	1,359	1.421
2. Egypt	708	400
3. Lithuania	493	n.a.
4. USA	345	1.156
5. Australia	265	202
6. Saudi Arabia	254	529
7. Republic of South Korea	254	280
8. United Arab Emirates	214	154
9. United Kingdom	168	334
10. The Netherlands	152	121

Source: Arms Export Report of the Federal Government,
pp. 113



Swiss Arms Exports from 1998-2018

An increase of 98% since September 11, 2001



Data source: Schweizerische Eidgenossenschaft, Staatssekretariat für Wirtschaft, Zahlen und Statistiken 2018, Entwicklung der Kriegsmaterialexporte 1983 - 2018 (PDF, 411 kB, 25.02.2019)
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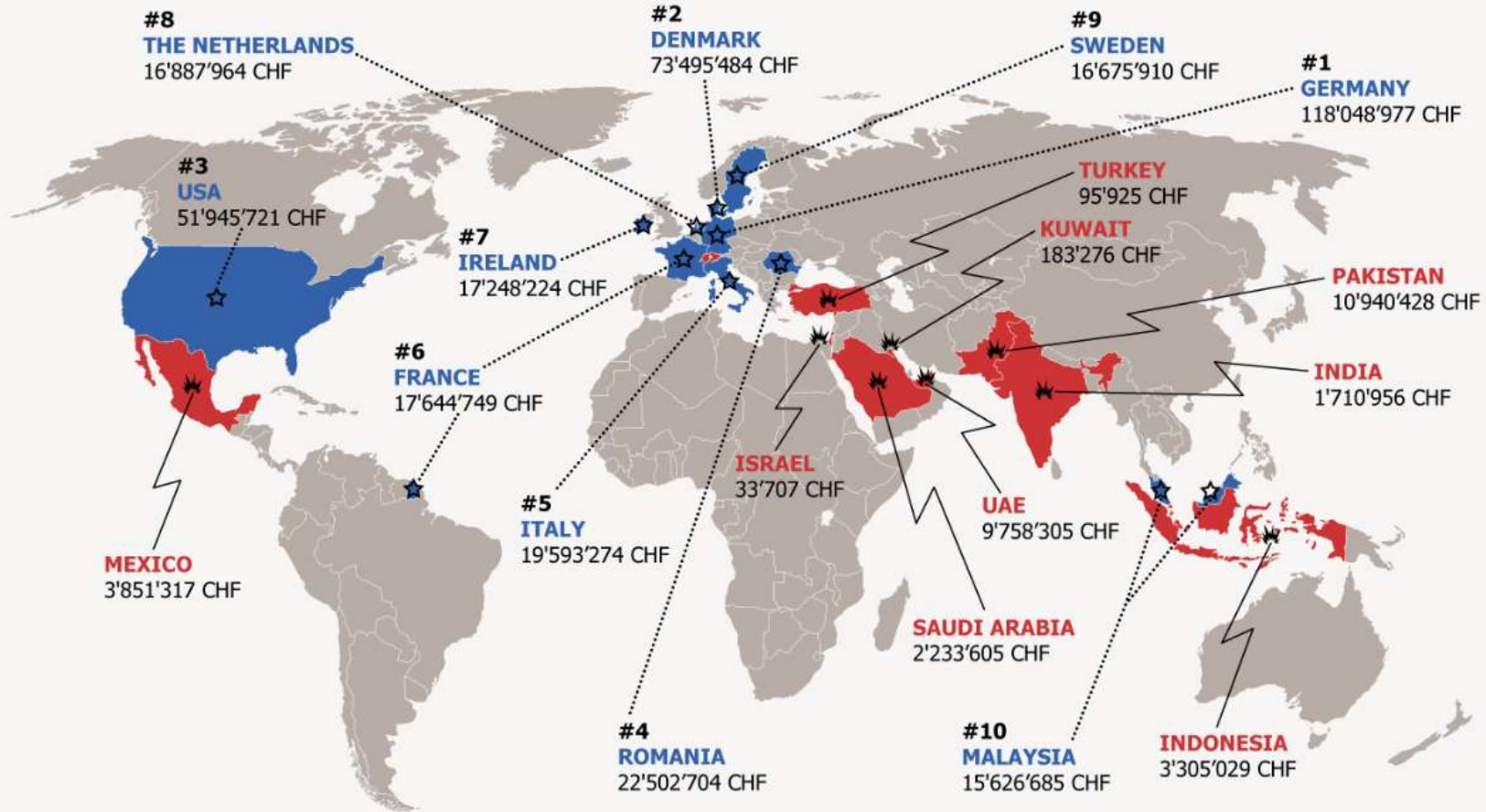


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IMPORTERS OF SWISS ARMAMENTS IN 2018

TOP-10 importers in **BLUE** // Belligerent & Human rights violating importers in **RED**



Note: In 2018, a grand total of 510 million Swiss francs (CHF) in Swiss armaments was exported into 64 target countries - an increase of 14% compared to 2017
 Data source: Schweizerische Eidgenossenschaft, Staatssekretariat für Wirtschaft (26-02-2019) - Ausfuhr von Kriegsmaterial im Jahr 2018
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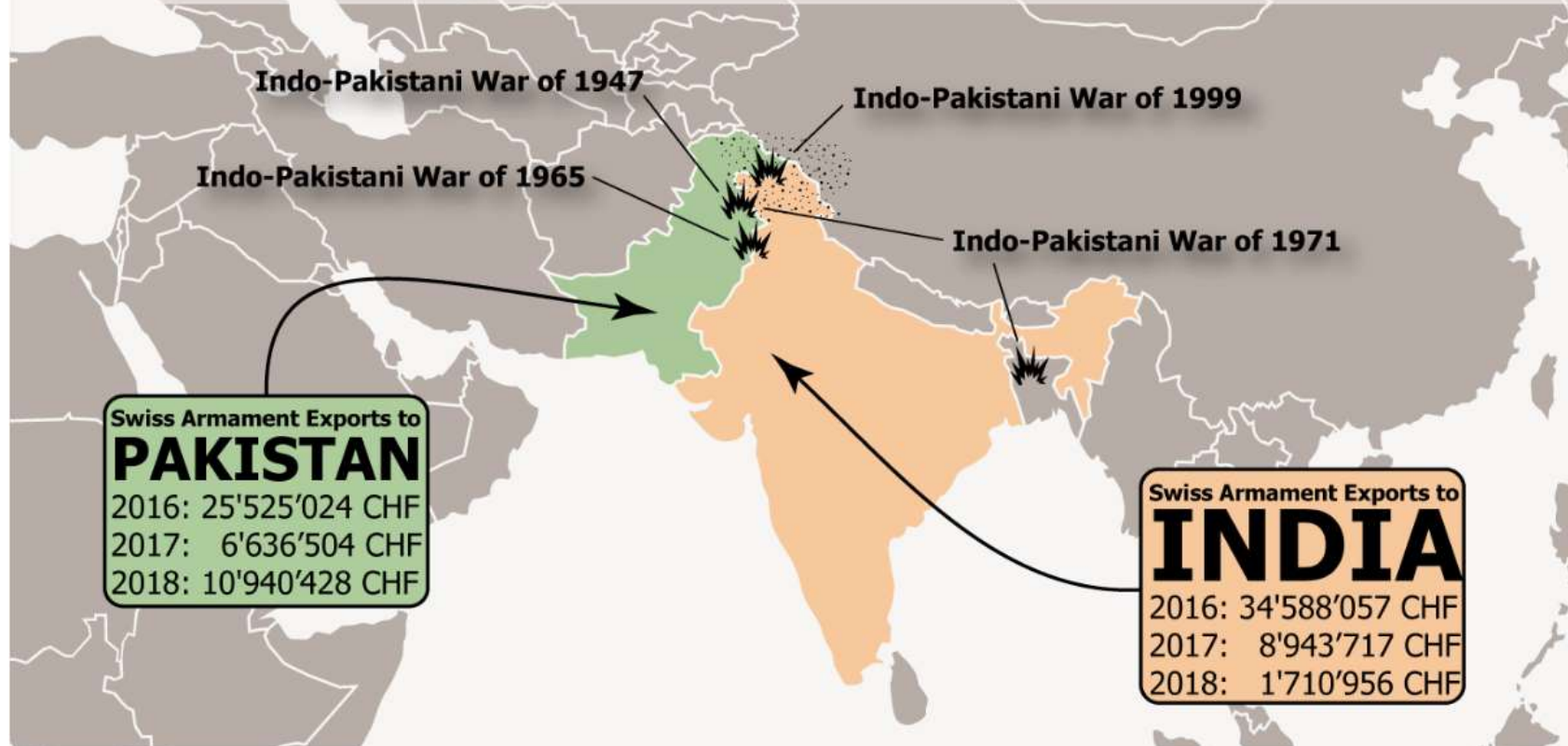


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SWITZERLAND ARMING THE ATOMIC POWERS INDIA & PAKISTAN

Contested areas are dotted // Historical battlefields marked by an explosive sign



«Licences shall not be granted for export trade and for contracts under Article 20 WMA (War Material Act) if the country of destination is involved in an internal or international armed conflict.»

War Material Ordinance 514.511 of 25 February 1998 (Status as of 1 October 2015), Art. 5, paragraph 2 letter a

Data sources: Schweizerische Eidgenossenschaft, Staatssekretariat für Wirtschaft - Ausfuhr von Kriegsmaterial im Jahr 2017 & 2018 // Swiss Federal Council - Ordinance on War Material
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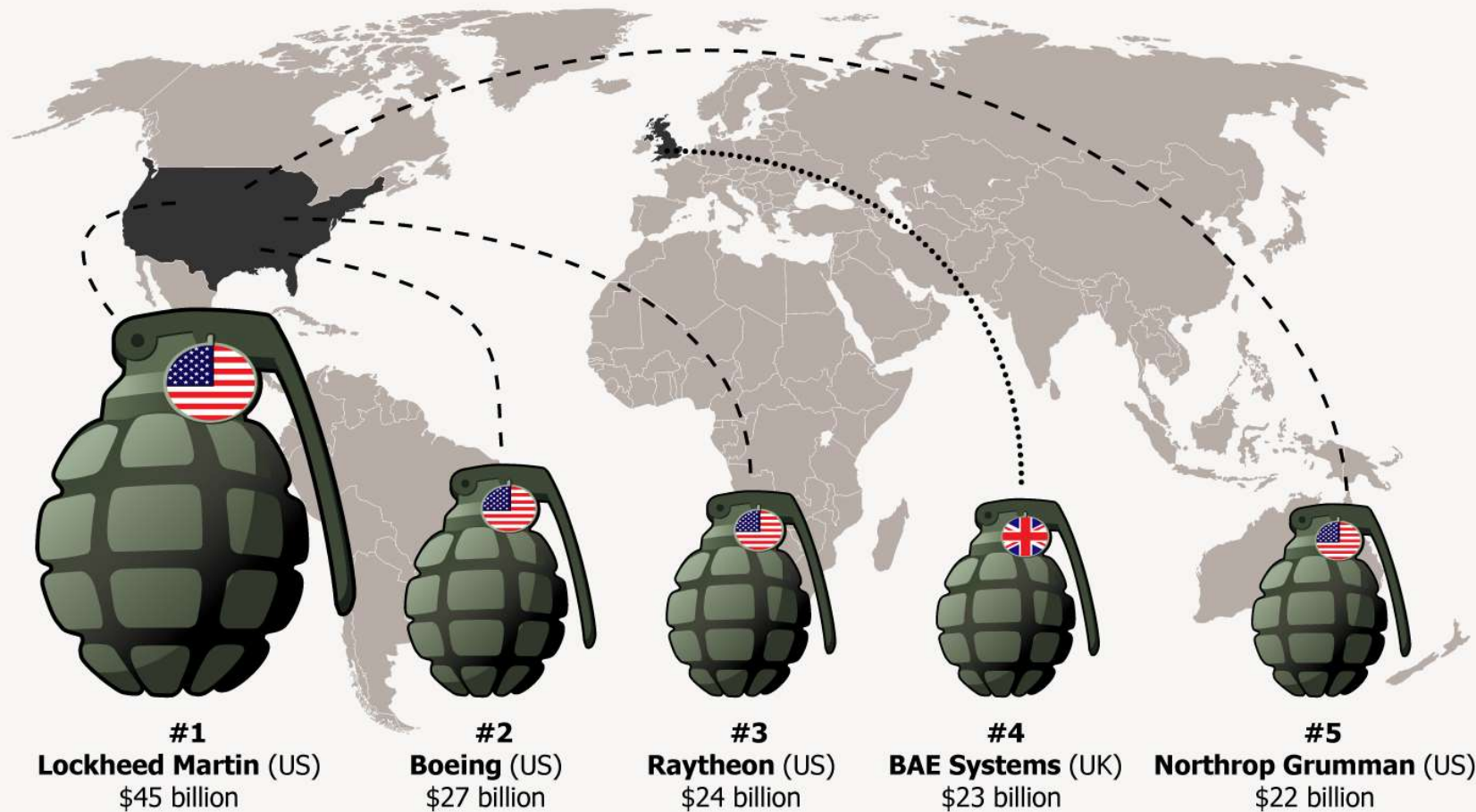


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TOP-5 OF THE *WORLD'S LARGEST **ARMS MANUFACTURERS** IN 2017

Diameter of hand grenades in relation to arms sales in billions of US dollars



*Chinese arms manufacturers are not listed for lack of reliable data, but according to SIPRI (2015), Chinese aircraft manufacturer AVIC and Chinese armored vehicles manufacturer Norinco could be in the TOP-10.
Data source: SIPRI Fact Sheet (December 2018) - The SIPRI Top 100 Arms-Producing and Military Services Companies, 2017 // https://sipri.org/sites/default/files/2018-12/fs_arms_industry_2017_0.pdf
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Weapon Sales of Leading Swiss and German Producers of Major Arms (2017 / 2016)

Company	Ranking		Country	Arms Sales	
	2017	2016		2017	2016
	in Mio. US-Dollars				
Airbus Group (EADS)	7	7	GER/FR	11,290	12,928
Rheinmetall	25	25	GER	3,420	3,373
MBDA (EADS/BAE/Finm.)	26	26	GER	3,380	3,346
ThyssenKrupp	53	49	GER	1,920	1,831
Krauss-Maffei Wegmann	56	80	GER	1,750	1,086
Hensoldt	74	---	GER	1,160	1,200
RUAG	95	96	CH	870	824

Quelle: „The SIPRI Top 100 arms-producing and military services companies“, 2017
SIPRI Fact Sheet December 2018





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**Patrol Boat from Lürssen
from the Peene shipyard (Peenewerft)
for Saudi Arabia**



In Germany, the **Federal Security Council** which is chaired by chancellor Angela Merkel (CDU/CSU) herself, decides on licensing especially controversial arms exports to countries outside of EU and NATO in secret sessions.



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▸ **Kennzahlen**

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- AIM Infrarot-Module
- American Rheinmetall Munitions
- American Rheinmetall Systems
- ARTEC
- benntec Systemtechnik
- Contraves Advanced Devices
- LDT Laser Display Technology
- Nitrochemie
- Oerlikon Contraves, Singapur
- PSM Projekt System & Management
- RFEL
- Rheinmetall Active Protection

RWM Italia S.p.A.

RWM Italia S.p.A. ist auf die Entwicklung und Produktion von Systemen zur Seeminenbekämpfung, mittel- und großkalibriger Munition sowie Gefechtsköpfe spezialisiert.

Das Unternehmen verfügt über eine herausragende Gesamtkompetenz im Bereich Explosivstoffe und Munition. Neben den Beschaffungsbehörden Italiens zählen bereits seit Jahrzehnten zahlreiche NATO-Länder sowie befreundete Staaten zu den Kunden der RWM Italia.



Neben dem Firmensitz in Ghedi, Norditalien, verfügt das Unternehmen über eine Fertigungsstätte in Domusnovas, Sardinien.

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Source: Presentation of the Italian Subsidiary on the Rheinmetall Website



From RWM Italia to Saudi Arabia War Crimes in Yemen war

- In the night of the 8th of October 2016 a **bomb - apparently fired by the Saudi led military alliance** – hit the village of Al-Hajari in the Al Hudaydah governate in Yemen.

The attack killed a family of six, among them a pregnant mother and her four children.

A **blind shell** found at the blast site indicate that an guided missile produced by the company **RWM Italia S.p.A. – a subsidiary of the German defence company Rheinmetall – was used in the attack.**

- Countless victims of the military coalition led by Saudi Arabia and supported by Germany and Switzerland





Thousands of victims of the war, most of them civilians

Source: „Krieg und Katastrophe im Jemen.
Die schlimmste aller Krisen“, *DER SPIEGEL*, 12.09.2017





Source: Group „Switzerland without an Army“ (Gruppe Schweiz ohne Armee)

<https://www.gsoa.ch/> from 11.04.2019



The Network


The European Network Against Arms Trade connects groups and individuals who see the arms trade as a threat to peace, security and development, and the arms industry as a driving force behind increasing arms trade. Through research, publication, lobby and public campaigning ENAAT groups are working to limit or end the international arms trade.

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The Cause

The arms business has a devastating impact on human rights and security, and damages economic development. Large-scale military procurement and arms exports reinforce a militaristic approach to international problems. Although European governments claim not to export arms to countries at war or those violating human rights, European arms are sold all over the world with very few restrictions. European weapons are often exported to dictatorships or to countries at war.

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Source: European Network Against Arms Trade (ENAAT), www.enaat.org

**Grenzen öffnen für Menschen.
Grenzen schließen für Waffen.**

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SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGNING AGAINST THE ARMS TRADE



Aktion Aufschrei – Stoppt den Waffenhandel!

<< The largest campaign in Germany against arms trade – more than 100 Organisations >>

Trägerorganisationen der Kampagne: Aktionsgemeinschaft Dienst für den Frieden e.V. (AGDF) • AGEH • aktion hoffnung Rottenburg-Stuttgart e.V. • Bischöfliches Hilfswerk MISEREOR • Brot für die Welt - Evangelisches Werk für Diakonie und Entwicklung • Bund der Deutschen Katholischen Jugend (BDKJ) • Deutsche Friedensgesellschaft – Vereinigte KriegsdienstgegnerInnen (DFG-VK) • Deutsche Sektion der Internationalen Ärzte für die Verhütung des Atomkrieges e. V. (IPPNW) Deutschland • NaturFreunde Deutschlands • JuristInnen gegen atomare, biologische und chemische Waffen (IALANA) Deutsche Sektion • Ohne Rüstung Leben (ORL) • pax christi - Deutsche Sektion der Internationalen Katholischen Friedensbewegung • Provinzleitung der Deutschen Franziskaner und Kommission Gerechtigkeit – Frieden – Bewahrung der Schöpfung • RüstungsInformationsBüro (RIB e.V.) • terre des hommes – Hilfe für Kinder in Not • Werkstatt für Gewaltfreie Aktion, Baden (WfGA)

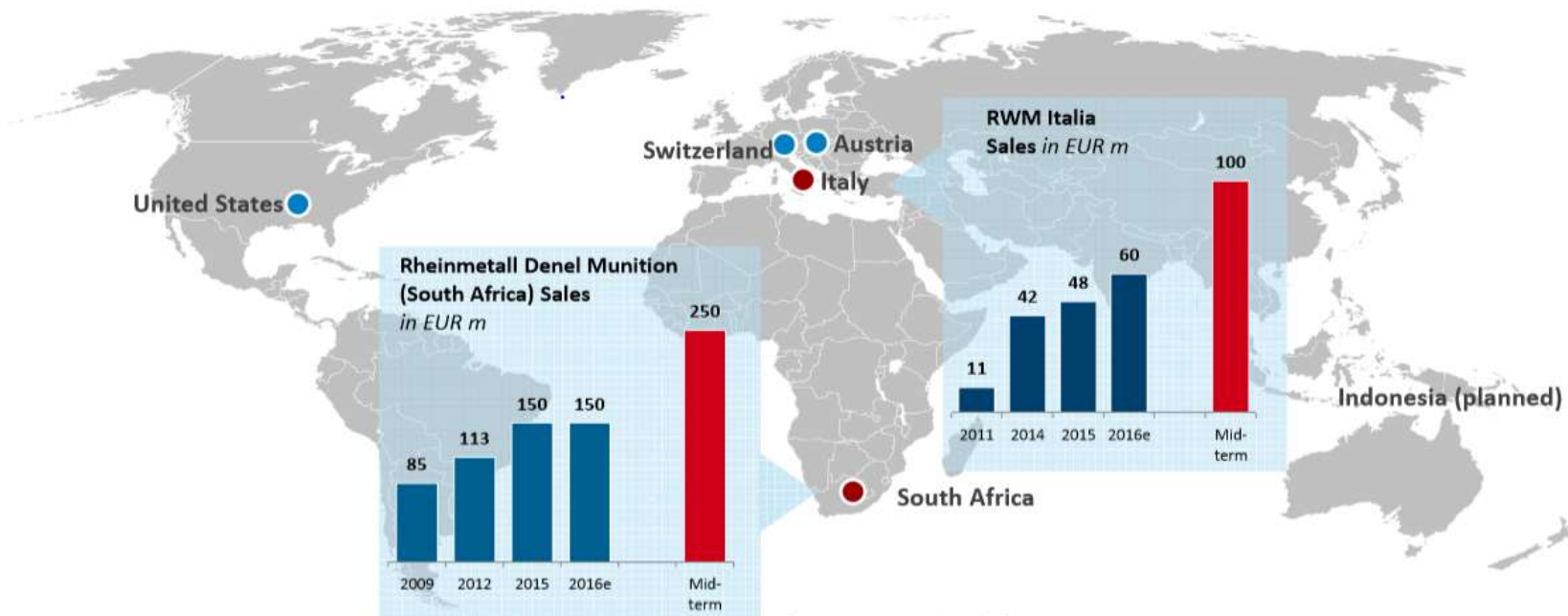
Weit mehr als hundert Organisationen und Friedensinitiativen arbeiten im Aktionsbündnis der Kampagne mit (siehe www.aufschrei-waffenhandel.de)

Presentation of the Italian and South African Subsidiaries of Rheinmetall



Strategic targets

Secure independency of German export regulations and profitability



* 2016 vs. 2015: +15% in local currency



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**How ruthless arms dealers, politicians, weapons
companies, soldiers, lobbyists and bankers
earn money with deadly arms exports
around the world languages – and how we create
a global net for a world without arms exports**

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Русски – ...**



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**<< CASE 01: Arms Transfers to Ottoman Empire
> Genocide in Armenia >>**
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Turkish invasion of northern Syria to fight against Syrian Kurds – a violation of international law with German Leopard tanks.

Source: ZDF heute 29.01.2018





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<< CASE 02: G36 rifles in Mexico >>

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Criminal complaints against Heckler & Koch (2010) and German officials at the Federal Export Office and the Ministry of Economic Affairs (2012) because of the illegal exports of 4702 assault rifles to forbidden regions in Mexico.





More than 10 Million people visited the playfilm „Master of Death“ and the documentary film “How the G36 came to Mexico” from Daniel Harrich about the illegal Mexico deal in the German TV (ARD)



Give the victims a voice

Meeting with representatives of the victims from Mexico on September 26th, 2019 in Stuttgart: **Leonel Gutiérrez Solana** (left) shows a picture of his comatose brother, lawyer **Sofía De Robina** (right) represents the **victims of the Ayotzinapa massacre on September 26th 2014, with G36-rifles of Heckler & Koch too.**

Photo: GN-STAT

JG-Criminal complaints and trial against Heckler & Koch

April 2010 and 2012: Initial criminal complaint against H&K managers

by Jürgen Grässlin for the illegal export of G36-rifles to forbidden provinces of conflict in Mexiko with the knowledge of H&K executives; several expansions of the criminal complaint

2012 further complaints by the lawyer Holger Rothbauer against all officials involved in the process at the German control authorities

October 2015: Charges filed

by the District Attorney's Office in Stuttgart against former H&K employees, including two former CEOs.

May 2018 to February 2019: Trial against H&K

before the Stuttgart district court against five former H&K managers for the illegal export of G-36 rifles to Mexiko. H&K sentenced to a fine of 3.7 mio. Euros, two former employees receive suspended sentences, acquittals for the former CEOs.

<< For the first time H&K was convicted for an illegal arms deal! >>



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<< CASE 03 (February 2019): Israeli Arms Export >>

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<< CASE 04 (Springtime 2019):

SIG Sauer – illegal exports of 38.000 pistols to Columbia >>

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Give the perpetrators a face: Ron Cohen SIG Sauer Inc., USA

Quelle: Mönch Verlagsgruppe

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Aktion Aufschrei – Criminal Complaint against SIG Sauer

July 22, 2014: Jürgen Grässlin and Paul Russmann, represented by their attorney Holger Rothbauer, and acting on behalf of the „Aktion Aufschrei - campaign to stop the arms trade”, **file a criminal complaint against leading managers of the small arms producer and export company, Sig Sauer from Schleswig-Holstein.** Some days later the **district attorney's office in Kiel open an investigation** on suspicion of violating the war weapons control act and the federal act on foreign trade. Shortly after, **the government embargoes Sig Sauer's arms exports.**

October 2014: Sig Sauer announce they will from now on only produce sports weapons in Germany. Only 50 jobs are to remain in Eckernförde, most of them moved to the Sig-Sauer factory in New Hampshire, **USA, were the military production is built up.**

February 26, 2019: **Commencement of the criminal trial against Sig Sauer before the Kiel district court.**

April 3rd, 2019: The district attorney's office and the defendants strike a plea deal: **The defendants admit their guilt and expose the details of the illegal arms deal. In turn, they receive suspended sentences and high fines (up to 600'000 Euros). Sig Sauer as a company must pay 11 Million Euros.**



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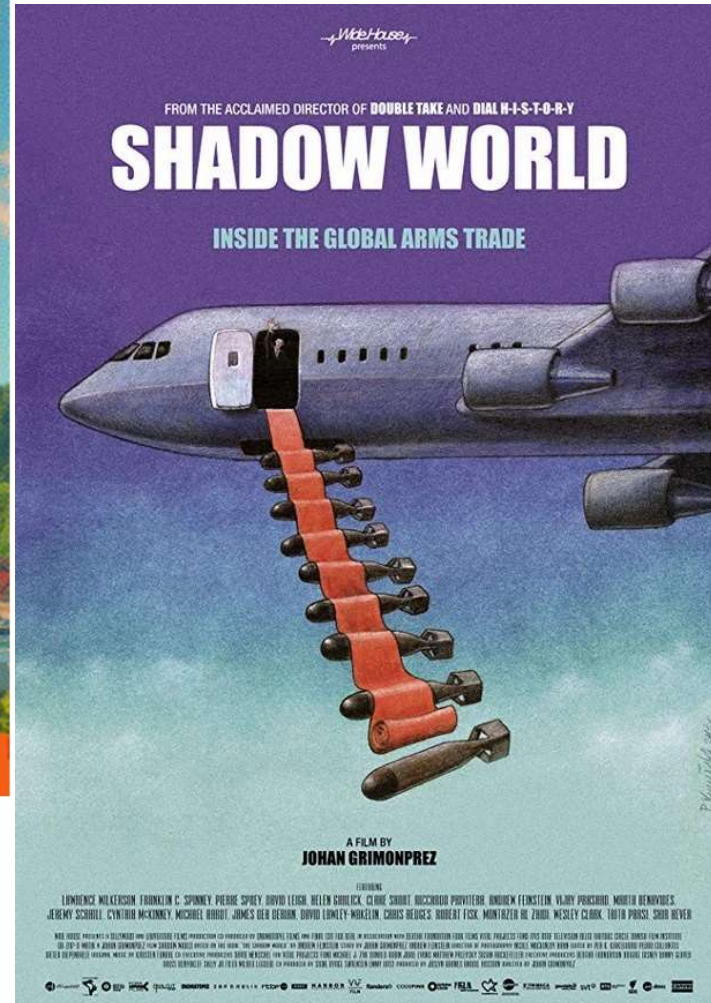


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**<< CASE 06 (autumn 2019):
Deadly Walls / Border Wars >>**
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**Days of arms trade
criticising films:
2019 in Tübingen, 2020 in
Meran, 2021...**



**BLOOD SHARES: More than 2 million people are killed with H&K-weapons!
H&K is the most deadly arms firm in Germany!**

Heckler & Koch AG

Oberndorf am Neckar

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Schmutziges Geld mit Kriegswaffen-Exporten
an „blutrote Staaten“ –
wie Indonesien, Malaysia, Südkorea, Türkei, die USA u.v.a.m.!

Kontakt: RüstungsInformationsBüro, www.rib-ev.de, rib@rib-ev.de, Tel. 0761-7678088



Protest of the „critical“ stockholders on the occasion of the shareholder meeting of the Heckler & Koch AG on September 21st, 2018.

Our success: “Green country strategy” of H&K. No more arms exports to countries outside NATO and EU

– no more Saudi Arabia,

USA, ...



ETHICAL SHARES: Found a victims fund for H&K-Victims!

Heckler & Koch AG

Oberndorf am Neckar

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für die Opfer der Rüstungsexporte von Heckler & Koch!**

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**Relay race with
thousands of
supporters in 2018
from Oberndorf to
Berlin - against arms
exports and for a
peaceful world.**



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STAFFELLAUF 2018 ...

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RÜSTUNGSEXPORTE
... FÜR EINE
FRIEDLICHE WELT**

**AKTION STAFFELLAUF 2018
VON OBERNDORF NACH BERLIN**

Deutschland ist weltweit der drittgrößte Rüstungs-
exporteur von Kleinwaffen (Pistolen, Gewehre)
und fünftgrößter Rüstungsexporteur
von Großwaffensystemen (Kriegsschiffe,
Kampfflugzeuge, Kampfpanzer).
Deutsche Waffen werden an menschen-
rechtsverletzende und kriegsführende
Staaten exportiert. Mit ihnen werden
schwere Menschenrechtsverletzungen
verübt, Millionen von Menschen in
die Flucht getrieben oder getötet.
**Zivilisten – Insbesondere Frauen und
Kinder – sind die Hauptleidtragenden.**

**WER FRIEDEN WILL,
BRAUCHT KEINE WAFFEN!**





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über KASSEL
nach BERLIN

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organisationen

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