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MERA25 Berlin declares a new weapons-free zone around Rheinmetall plant



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The Berlin police have recently declared weapons-free zones in Kreuzberg and Wedding in order to step up surveillance and legitimise racial profiling. MERA25 Berlin has now used election posters to declare a meaningful exclusion zone – a zone banning weapons of war around the Pierburg plant in Berlin-Wedding.

The plant in Berlin is undergoing a fundamental transformation: moving away from the automotive industry towards the weapons of war sector. Since July 2025, the site has been part of Rheinmetall Waffe Munition GmbH. Soon, 80-centimetre-long, 42-kilogram projectiles for artillery ammunition in the 155-millimetre NATO standard calibre will be hardened and further processed here. An annual production volume of 250,000 components is planned from 2027 onwards.

The deadly production of munitions in the centre of Berlin is madness for a variety of reasons. The neighbourhood (including a primary school) is becoming a target for attack by other states with imperial ambitions, and this production forms part of Germany's growing imperialist ambitions as part of the 'Zeitenwende' and the largest military rearmament since the Nazi era.

With its campaign for the district council elections in Mitte and Friedrichshain-Kreuzberg, MERA25 Berlin is taking a stand against the dangerous production of weapons. Berlin must no longer support war and genocide. 20 September 2026 is about more than just an election. Whilst Rheinmetall and the established parties are burning our lives away, MERA25 is organising resistance against the politics of war. The vision: to reclaim power as a united working class that will change this system.

MERA25 Berlin stands for a just and united Berlin that does not work against its residents, but fights alongside them for a good and secure life. The resistance against arms production in Wedding is just one example of this.

Candidate Johannes Fehr explains: "Standing up for people and fighting for their rights requires radical measures. We do not need minor improvements to a system that serves only the interests of capital. That is why we must fight for a fundamental change in the status quo – in the parliaments and on the streets. We have made this clear with the new 'war weapons ban zone'."

This video captures the "Ban the production of weapons of war!" campaign:
https://youtube.com/shorts/TD6thQVMSEQ?feature=share

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