Press Release

Salisbury Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament

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Salisbury Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament take part in National CND action day highlighting plans to return U.S. nuclear weapons to Britain

Plans have been revealed to install U.S. nuclear bombs at RAF Lakenheath. These will be U.S. weapons, controlled by the U.S., delivered by U.S. military personnel. There has been no democratic discussion of this decision and the designation RAF Lakenheath conceals the true nature of the exclusively U.S. deployment. The presence of two squadrons of F-35A stealth fighter bombers, equipped with first strike nuclear weapons, makes RAF Lakenheath a prime target for any would be aggressor contemplating military engagement with the U.S.

On Saturday, 23rd, members of Salisbury CND had numerous conversations with the public, spreading information about these little known plans. Large numbers of those we spoke to signed a petition condemning the return of U.S. nuclear weapons to RAF Lakenheath and opposing this extremely dangerous and destabilising development.

At the same time, a Citizens' Weapons Inspection team from the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament gathered outside RAF Lakenheath itself on the same day, with the aim of searching the base for nuclear weapons. They were refused entry.

CND Chair Tom Unterrainer said:

"By refusing access to our CWI team, the UK authorities are happily going along with US foreign policy – which flies in the face of the will of the British people. The majority of the public don't want these US nuclear weapons here, so where is the vote in Parliament? Where is the democratic process?

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Salisbury Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament banner outside Salisbury Library on Saturday



Citizens' Weapons Inspection team from the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament gathered outside RAF Lakenheath