

Chicago Drone Action: Minnesota Women Are Strong

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Activists from around the Midwest, including members of WAMM, gathered for a rally and march in Chicago at the end of September as part of a nationwide protest against drone warfare. Speakers from organizations involved in anti-drone work spoke to the crowd before marching to the headquarters of Boeing. Boeing is competing with two other bidders for a \$1.9 billion contract with the Pentagon to develop yet another type of weaponized military drone. Anti-drone activists held signs to educate the public about the indiscriminate killings from drone strikes, as the people in the crowded Millennium Park took videos and pictures of the chanting marchers.



No More Minnesota Nice. Participants from Minneapolis/St. Paul opposed death by drone in Chicago this September.

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Marchers ended their walk at Boeing with another rally, hoping to discourage Boeing from being awarded this lucrative contract. Speakers rallied the onlookers to be vigilant on the issue of drone strikes, now so prevalent in the news. Recently human rights groups have issued statements regarding the number of people killed and the illegality of such assassinations. When accounting for those killed in terms of civilians or combatants, it is important to note that all males who are 14 years old or over are automatically counted as militants by the U.S. military, whether they actually are or not. WAMM is opposed to violence, and the use of drone strikes is particularly heinous because of their indiscriminate nature.

The next day, participants attended a conference held at the downtown Chicago-Kent College of Law. Among the various workshops, the WAMM Ground All Drones

Committee gave their Drones 101 presentation. Nationwide, the movement to discontinue the use of weaponized drones is growing.

For more info about drones and how to resist: groundalldrones.blogspot.com.