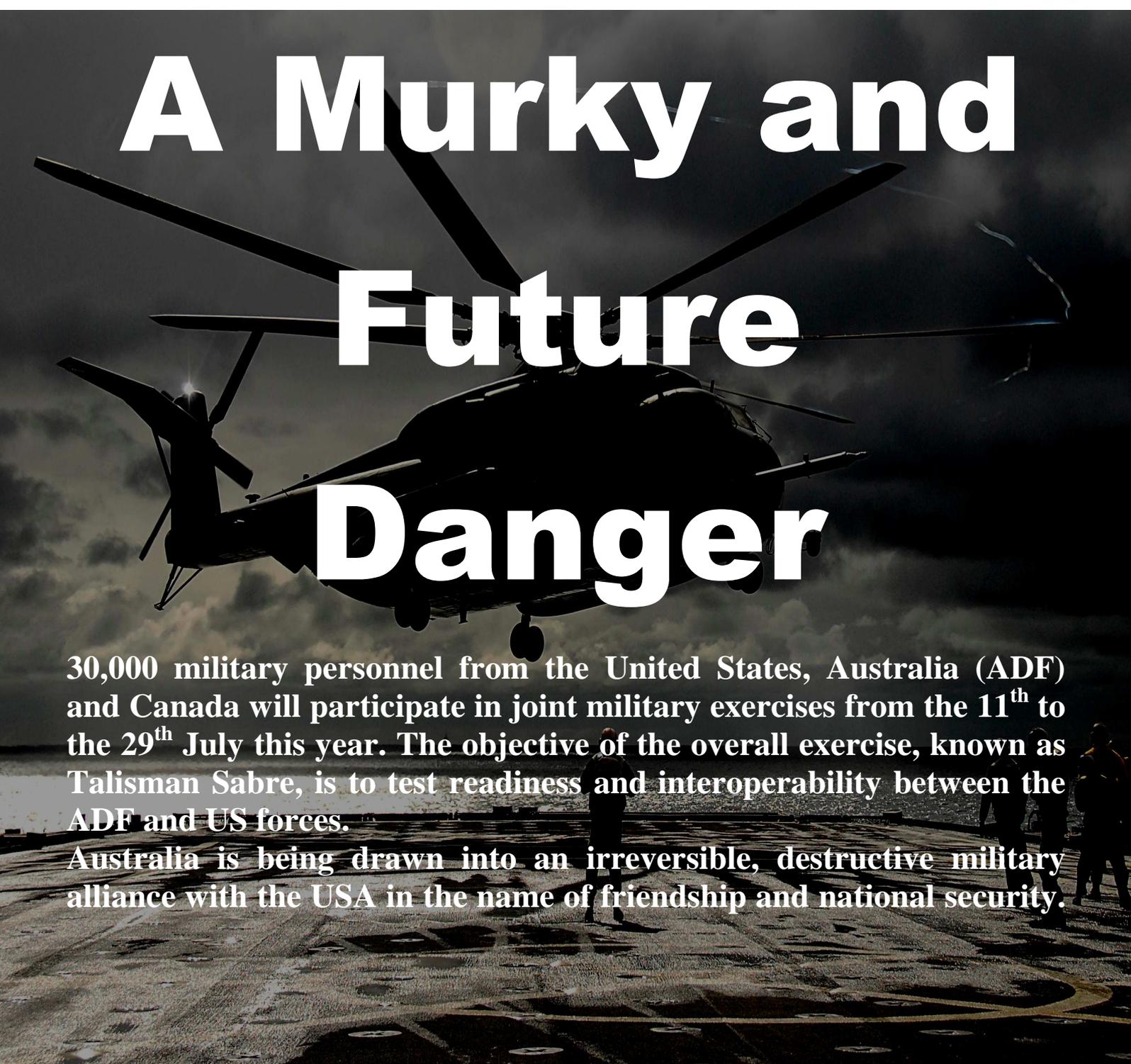


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The massive Talisman Sabre military exercise poses threats to our environment, economy, sovereignty and ultimately our security.



A Murky and Future Danger

30,000 military personnel from the United States, Australia (ADF) and Canada will participate in joint military exercises from the 11th to the 29th July this year. The objective of the overall exercise, known as Talisman Sabre, is to test readiness and interoperability between the ADF and US forces.

Australia is being drawn into an irreversible, destructive military alliance with the USA in the name of friendship and national security.

Australia is being pressured to go further than we have ever gone before. We have eagerly supported the wars of the United States – in Korea, Vietnam, the Gulf, Afghanistan and Iraq. Now it seems this is not enough. Talks underway, code named the *Force Posture Review*, indicate that the USA wants Australia to host US forces and military equipment on Australian soil. They want us to foot the bill for maintaining their superpower status in the Pacific and Indian Oceans. Australia has made a total commitment to support the USA in whatever wars it starts.

Talisman Sabre

Where: Shoalwater Bay, Townsville Field Training Area and Port, Ports of Gladstone and Brisbane, Queensland. Darwin, Delamere Range Facility, Bradshaw Field Training Area and Mount Bunday Training Area in the NT. Coral, Timor and Arufura Seas. RAAF Bases at Darwin, Curtin, Tindal, Townsville, Amberley and Richmond for aircraft holding.

Cost: \$100,000,000.

Queensland Flood and Cyclone Disaster Recovery: Delayed.

Environmental Impact: Damage to air quality, marine animals (such as dugongs, turtles), fire potential, noise pollution, waste disposal, toxic spills, erosion.

“**Interoperability**” in this context means the sharing of military information. This means that Australia will rely on America and vice versa during any conflict that involves these countries anywhere.

The entire thrust of this military interoperability is to enable the US with Australia's assistance, to maintain its influence over the Pacific region. China sees this as an unwarranted interference in its own future development; as a provocation possibly leading to war, whose outcome is unthinkable. Should any military conflict occur between America and China, the economy of the former would be severely compromised. Australia depends on China for much of its current high standard of living. The economy of Australia would be harmed for decades.

Is this the way Australia maintains its security?

Just Peace is a Brisbane-based community organisation whose aim is to raise public awareness about alternatives to war and the necessity of justice in achieving lasting peace. The issue of Australia's destructive alliance with the USA is an on-going matter to which we will devote much of our energy.

Please join us every second Tuesday at 7 pm in the TLC Building on 16 Peel Street, South Brisbane.

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