

Choreography of the protests against the politics of the G8

June 2007

What is happening during a summit?

The official Part

- Meeting of the G8
- delegates
- Security concept
- The Red Zone

The Protest

- Alternative-Summit
- Demonstrations
- Camps
- Blockades
- Riots

Warm-up

From approx. 20th of May

Building up of the camp(s)





- ➤ International networking: filling the protest with content, preparation of direct actions
- ➤ concept of camp = test for alternative ways to organise ourselves with people from different political backgrounds



The COUNTDOWN

Friday 1st June 2007



- ☆ Anti-Militarist Action Day
- ☆ squatting of the "bombodrom", collective go-in action
- ☆ Caravan to Heiligendamm
- ☆ Opening of the media center



Saturday 2nd June 2007

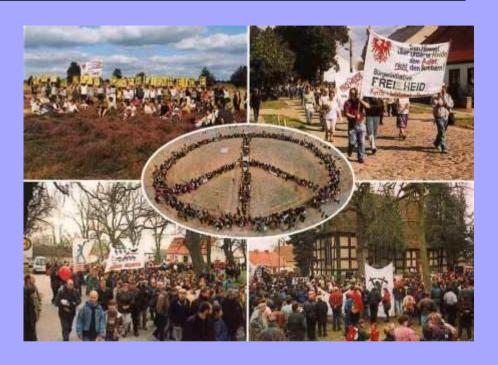
- ☆ Mass-Demonstration in Rostock (2 starting points)
- ☆ Nazi-Demo in Schwerin announced at 12pm
- ☆ concerts (e.g. Manu Chao!)

another world is possible i can hear her breathing



Global Action Day





- The idea of Global Action Days surged from the fact that the isolation of the meeting-places of the summits made it more and more impossible to demonstrate where the summit takes place
- Decentralised actions (worldwide) took place during nearly all the summits, e.g. Cologne 1999, London J18

Sunday 3rd June 2007



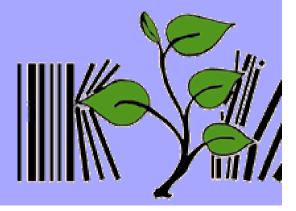
Global Action Day Agriculture

- Direct Actions against supermarkets and shopping centers
- destruction of GMO-plantations
- ☆ International Congress





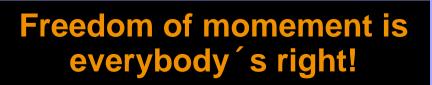




Monday 4th June 2007

Global Action Day Migration

- ☆ Activities against deportation camps, migration offices
- ☆ No-Camp demonstration in the city center Rostock
- ☆ International networking of refugee groups and supporters





Tuesday 5th June 2007 -

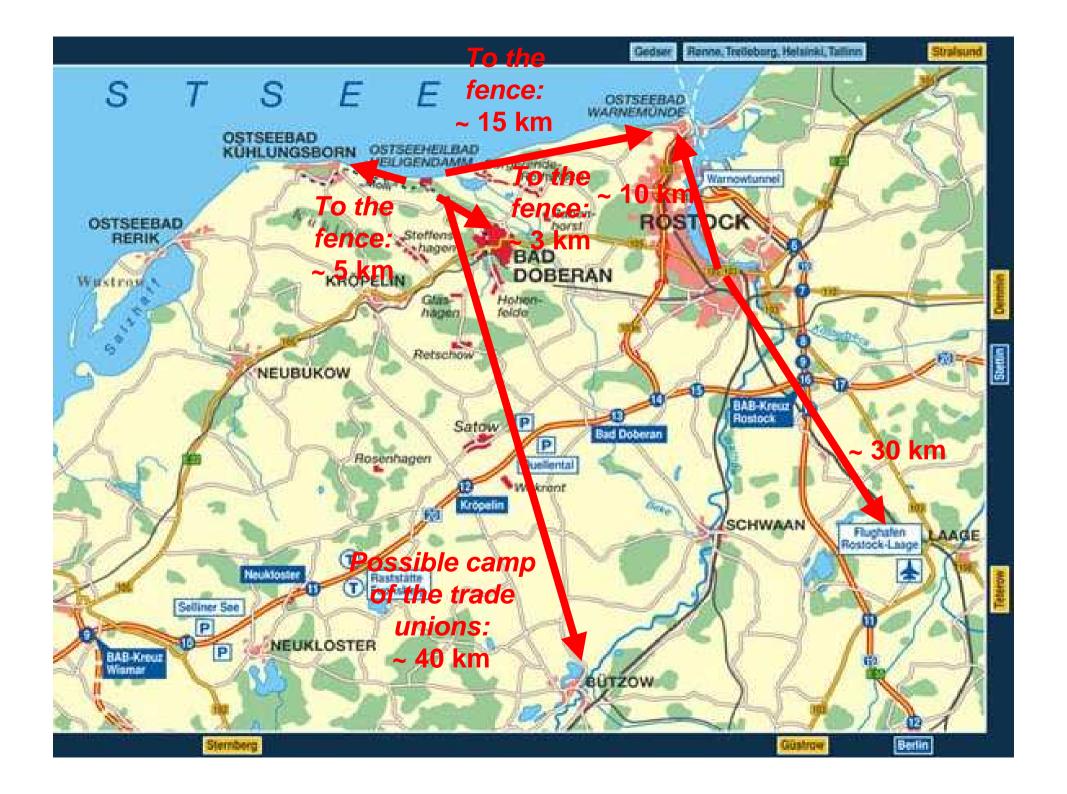


Global Action Day Antimilitarism

- ☆ Blockade of the NATO-Airbase in Rostock-Laage
- ☆ Prevention of the arrival of the G8-"leaders"



The "Showdown"



Wednesday 6th June 2007



Furthermore ...

- ☆ Special trains arriving with protesters
- ☆ Actions of civil disobedience, decentralized blockades
- ☆ Clowns-Army, Samba, Pink-Silver
- ☆ Prayers against G8 in the church of St. Marien/Rostock
- ☆ Alternative-Summit

Mass blockades (Sitting/Standing/with material)



- Prepared by different groups: IL, X-tausendmal quer, ALB, Grüne Jugend <u>und</u> Avanti, attac, Solid, Werkstatt für Gewaltfreie Aktion
- Inviting people who have no or little experience with blockades or similar forms of protests



Decentralised direct Actions



- Mobilisation mainly from dissent!-spectrum
- Different forms of blockades in small and big groups
- Organised independently maybe some preparations together
- Highly flexible and surprising

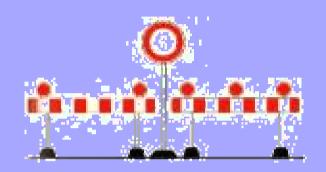
Thursday 7th June 2007

- **☆** Action Day of the NGOs
- ☆ End of the alternative summit
- ☆ demonstration to Heiligendamm, starting from Bad Doberan and Kühlungsborn

It's not our revolution if we can't dance to it - on the streets!



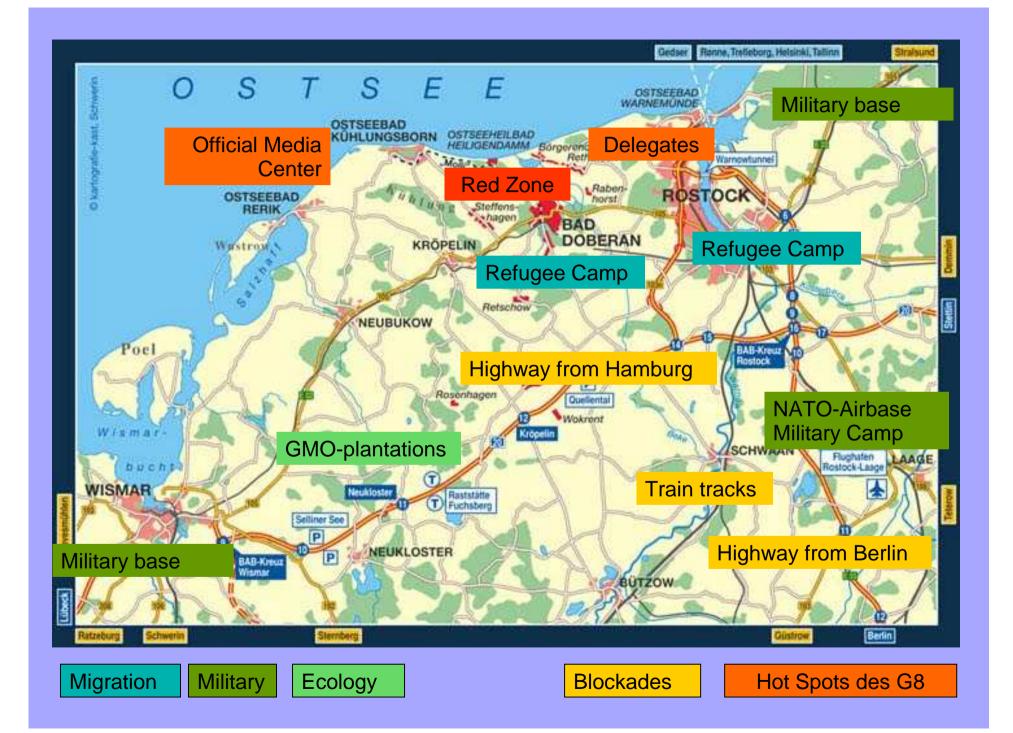
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☆ Blockade of the departure



Summary



After the summit

After the protests

- ☆ international exchange, e.g. No-Border-Camp Ukraine August 2007
- ☆ support of victims of state repression
- ☆ reflections about the protests and preparing mobilisation for Japan 2008
- ☆ or enjoying/relaxing after world revolution?



Quiz: Who is protesting here against what?

