TU BERLIN cooperates with WEAPONS MANUFACTURER

ThysenKapp MaineSystems on a u-boat project

the AUTONOMOUS WERPON SYSTEM

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MUM-Project

- Modifiable Underwater Mothership is officially presented as a system for "civilian" marine engineering and research purposes
- First ever fully modular autonomous submarine
- 2022 analysis from the German Aerospace Center (DLR) a partner in the project
 - "It can be well imaginable that a module made to carry out civilian activities [...] could be replaced with military modules" [1]
- 35 Mio. € for the entire project from the Federal Ministry of Economy and Climate Action
- TU's involvement:
 - DesignMUM (2017-2020) 1st phase, 1.037.137 €
 - MUM2simulate (2021-2025) 2nd phase, 914.849 €

Undeniable proof

- four-meter functional model "Monique" was developed at TU Berlin in March 2019^[2]
- TKMS Presented the Results of its 'MUM' Modular XLUUV Study on 28 November 2019^[3]
 - Minelaying XLUUV
 - Hunter-Killer XLUUV
 - Scout XLUUV
- Hunter-Killer variant was presented again at UDT (Undersea Defense Technology) in 2023^[4]



Questionable partner

- TKMS developed submarines for Israel with hidden nuclear capabilities^[5]
- The deal involved corruption cases including bribery, money laundering, fraud, breach of trust, and tax offenses. Multiple people were arrested in Israel^[6]
- TKMS supplies military warships that are used in the Gaza genocide [7]
- TKMS supplies the Egyptian Navy, involved in systematic violence against Egyptians and Palestinians.^[8]

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Operation Samson

Israel's Deployment of Nuclear Missiles on Subs from Germany

Many have wondered for years about the exact capabilities of the submarines Germany exports to Israel. Now, experts in Germany and Israel have confirmed that nuclear-tipped missiles have been deployed on the vessels. And the German government has long known about it. By SPIEGEL

TU Berlin's inaction

12th

March

president of the TU Berlin said:

"As long as I am President of TU Berlin, I will stand up for the preservation of the civil clause. Science must serve peace." Tagesspiegel [9]

3rd

April

Full report highlighting all the evidence sent to TU Berlin's administration Ethics Committee reacted: "we will look into it in next session"

15th April

Follow up request to Ethic's Committee to disclose when the next session will be, and a foreseeable timeline. Still unanswered

22nd April "The project was thoroughly reviewed and approved by the then Executive Committee in 2016. We are taking the current allegations seriously and are now investigating them in detail. However, this may take some time.", answer from President

Our Demands

- Immediately cease all present and future cooperation with TKMS. It is an unsuitable partner for Universities that want to adhere to the Civil Clause and peaceful research
- Investigate and publicly clarify how this breach of the Civil Clause occurred, including a transparent review of internal ethics procedures and responsible personnel.
- Strengthen internal mechanisms to ensure that no research project with military potential can proceed without full and honest evaluation, including clear and binding protocols for Civil Clause compliance.

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Full report and used sources can be found here

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