Drones? - We haven't any here!

Such short answer is what you get, when the dangers of drones are talked about. Unfortunately this answer is wrong. Police-officials in several states of Germany have already acquired drones for surveillance to be able to observe football-games, demonstrations and forest-fires from above.

The German army possesses already scout drones and is using them in Afghanistan. In spring 2013 it became known that the army wants to purchase drones fitted with weapons in addition. So the subject is current.

Why are surveillance-drones dangerous?

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Drones above gatherings are as well as helicopters an intimidation of the participants and hence an infringement upon the fundamental right of the freedom of assembly.

As far as some ministers of the interior are concerned even the „small police-drones“ are to be fitted with CS-Gas, Rubber-Bullits and similar gadgets.

Also the EU Project AEROCEPTOR is planning in case of a „war within a country“.

Remote controlled bombs and rockets

Even more serious is the use of drones fitted with weapons, of which some have the size of small civilian jets and as the „Reaper“ are fitted with 2 bombs and 4 rockets.

The pilot sitting in his safe airbase becomes an executioner, without the awareness of the targetted person, that he or she is actually being accused, convicted and executed.

The USA have employed military drones up to now (April 2013) in Afghanistan, Yemen, and Somalia. Over 3000 people have been killed in Pakistan, and as has been proven about 800 civilians, 180 of them children.

The introduction of military drones in conflicts with weapons in use is highly dangerous, because

● in Germany the death penalty is actually abolished (Art. 102 GC, exceptions see Contract Of Lisbon, March 2008)
● there is no division of powers in accordance with the rule of law when it comes to military engagement
● Human Rights become hurt heavily (Hague Land Warfare Convention)
● the tale of „surgical blows“ is not true – at least 35% of the victims are civilians, because the blasting radius of common Hellfire rockets is 30 – 60 m.
● fighting drones are difficult to become located, so everybody could have been the attacker. That leads to new arms race and instability.
● the further automation will lead to „self-deciding“ drones, robots shall operate wars.
● drones have nothing to do with defending our country and war in foreign countries is not on the agenda of our constitution.
● the inhibition level for leading military conflicts will drop immensely.

So ban fighting drones and no use of surveillance drones against human beings

More than 100 organisations have called for banning drones in Germany in April 2013. Join with your signature!

More information in the internet

www.drohnen-kampagne.de
www.antidrohnenkampagne.wordpress.com
www.aktion-freiheitstattangst.org
www.livingunderdrones.org
www.imi-online.de/themen/drohnen
www.ag-friedensforschung.de/themen/Drohnen

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