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**Global Call for the Immediate Dismissal of Charges
against the Kings Bay Plowshares 7**

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The [Kings Bay Plowshares 7](#) (KBP7) are facing a federal trial and long prison sentences for having confronted a military industrial complex notion that nuclear weapons that can destroy all Creation should be accepted as a normal, even inevitable, part of life.

This threat, and the lack of public outrage over it, [compelled seven principled activists \(Elizabeth McAlister, Stephen Kelly S.J., Martha Hennessy, Clare Grady, Patrick O’Neill, Mark Colville, and Carmen Trotta\)](#) to enter Naval Station Kings Bay Submarine Base in Georgia on the 50th anniversary of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s assassination. Kings Bay is homeport to [six U.S. nuclear ballistic missile submarines](#) carrying [hundreds of nuclear weapons](#), which, each have up to 30 times the explosive power of the bomb that destroyed the Japanese city of Hiroshima in 1945. Following the Prophet Isaiah’s Biblical command to [“beat swords into plowshares” Is. 2:4](#)), the seven were also [acting legally to uphold anti-nuclear treaties](#) as the supreme law of the land according to the U.S. Constitution, international law manifested in the U.N. Charter and Nuremberg principles. By their actions at Kings Bay, they sought to draw attention to the urgency of withdrawing consent and dismantling what Dr. King called the “triple evils” of racism, excessive materialism, and militarism. The [KBP7’s action statement](#) reads “...Nuclear weapons eviscerate the rule of law, enforce white supremacy, perpetuate endless war and environmental destruction, and ensure impunity for all manner of crimes against humanity. Dr. King said, ‘The ultimate logic of racism is genocide.’ We say, ‘The ultimate logic of Trident is omnicide.’ A just and peaceful world is possible when we join [prayers with action](#). [Swords into Plowshares!](#)”

We who share the moral vision of the Kings Bay Plowshares 7 proclaim our support for their courage and sustained sacrifice and call for the [immediate dismissal](#) of all [charges against them in the interest of justice](#). The defendants invite us to [act creatively](#), including joining governments and the civil society coalition working to promote adherence to, and full implementation of, the [Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons](#), and participate in campaigns for [divestment from nuclear weapons](#), as complementary efforts towards the realization of a world free of nuclear weapons.

Thank you for your signature!

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