

MARCH AGAINST BAYER & SYNGENTA

Against the poisoning of the world

Saturday, 21 May 2022

14h Basel Münsterplatz

LET'S STOP ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL & CLIMATE CATASTROPHE!

Apart from the global Covid pandemic, CO2 emissions have continued to increase in the last two years, not least as a result of industrial capitalist agriculture. Syngenta and Bayer produce pesticides and (GM) seeds for the world trade. In doing so, they enable the cultivation of maize, soy, and palm oil monocultures that contribute to the deforestation of rainforests and thus to the climate crisis. These monocultures hardly contribute anything to the nutrition of the people in the Global South and primarily serve meat production and the profits of the agro-multinationals.

Climate change is a global challenge. A great diversity of species, local seed-resistant varieties and freely accessible seeds are the best foundations of an adaptable agro-ecosystem. However, the use of pesticides, as well as agrogenetic engineering and patents, is destroying this through capitalist, industrial agriculture and thus **threatening global food security**.

The global **biodiversity crisis** is also steadily increasing. The mass of flying insects alone has declined by more than 75% in the last three decades. Syngenta and Bayer are destroying the biodiversity of rivers and the drinking water of millions of people with their pesticides, and are among the main causes of bee mortality, not to mention endangering the health and lives of farm workers. Syngenta's poisons «atrazine», «thiamethoxam» and «paraquat» are not allowed in Switzerland and the EU, but are still sold worldwide.

LET'S BREAK THE POWER OF THE AGRO-MULTINATIONALS!

Internal papers of the lobbyist organisation CropLife show how agribusinesses prevented the entry law of a new bill that would have reduced pesticide use in the EU last year. The corporations are now trying to use the threat of crop losses from the Ukraine war as an argument for relaxing environmental laws. Yet there are much more obvious measures, such as reducing the consumption of animal products.

With Syngenta, Bayer, and BASF, three of the largest and most destructive agribusiness corporations are present in our city. Yet Basel voted 57% in favour of the popular initiative for a Switzerland without synthetic pesticides on 13 June 2021. This is why we declare:

« **Atrazine and paraquat, we are fed up with your poisons!** »

Hold your head high and get involved in the March 2022 against Bayer, Syngenta and Co. manifestation and beyond. **Resistance is a duty!**

*Our demo wants to convey an image of diversity, creativity and openness. We strongly oppose any homophobic, nationalistic, racist or other reactionary ideologies and appropriation!

Speeches & supporting program on Münsterplatz **start at 14:00**

Procession through the city **starts at 14:30**