

GIKISHO NO. 25

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Protest: Prohibition of Noise Produced at Night by Military Aircrafts

At each opportunity, we have made requests and protests about the noise pollution that tremendously influences daily lives of citizens, yet complaints from citizens have been increasing annually. In 2015, 363 complaints were filed, 100 of which were made in the month of October, showing that the citizens have surpassed their breaking point.

In just this month of June alone, there have been 24 records in the Ue-Ojana District and 31 records in the Aragusku District of noise pollution after 22:00. An aircraft noise level of 93.1dB was also recorded at 22:37 on June 2nd.

In a span of 17 days, citizens have filed 31 complaints to include numerous complaints in which exemplify the severity of the impacts on the citizens lives such as; “The helicopters are so loud I can not sleep”, and “Aircrafts have been flying past 22:00 every day, it is driving me crazy”.

As Ginowan City Mayor whose duty is to protect the lives and assets of over 97,000 citizens, current conditions can not be condoned. Thus, the city strongly protests and demands the following terms be met:

1. Prohibition of flight activity as well as activities such as engine adjustments between the hours of 22:00 and 06:00.
2. Refrainment of flight activity after 19:00, which is deemed to be family or resting time.
3. Prohibition of flight activity above residential areas.