

## **May 12th Spanish militaries demonstration in front of the MoD headquarter.**

Last 12th of May four Spanish military associations ATME, UMT, AMTM and, of course, AUME, they organize a big demonstration in the center of Madrid in front of the MoD headquarter. The demonstration was convoked according to the difficult situation that are living our temporally enlisted, long term contract, who have to abandonee the Armed Forces at the 45 years of age, plus claiming for an improvement of the salaries and working conditions of the militaries, without forgetting to request a better social care system for those who are surrounding of geographical mobility and long absences along our "career".

The demonstration was followed by around 1.000 militaries, including a representation of the "45 without dismissals" a civilian association for those already out of the Armed Forces. Along the demonstration a member of each association convoked was reading a common statement previously agreed, where it was detailed the main weak points currently over the table, in order to grapple with the main problems not only for the enlisted personnel, also for all the Spanish citizens in uniform.

Along the demonstration a deputy member of the Defense Committee of each political party, except the PP who did not accept to participate and attend, all the rest took the floor for 10 minutes each, having the opportunity to explain us the conclusions adopted in the subcommittee of the Defense for solving the main issues suffered by all the grades and ranks. At the end of their speech Antonio Lima, as a member of the board and representing EUROMIL, took along 15 minutes the floor, explaining the necessity to apply the rules and directives formulated in Europe but not well implemented internally of our borders. Antonio hit the nail on the head from the sentimental point of view, where those who have to defend the democratic values, those ones are not enjoying the rights under the umbrella of the "Democracy".

In addition we have to say that a big representation of journalist from the main TV channels, radios and newspapers were sharing the "festivity meeting", and a bunch of TV and radio reports were hanged plus some articles published.

At the end the conclusions taken were really positive no matter the 1.000 participants could seem no so much, the fact of the current persecution of those who belong to whatever association, plus the poor vindicate culture assumed by Spanish militaries make this numbers more than enough, and also because now the politicians know quite better the main concerns, plus the message sent by the majority of the associations to the MoD it is a message of unity, which means more collaboration in the future against our common concerns.

Last but not least, AUME want to say thanks to EUROMIL because with the statement and the presence of Antonio Lima, the legitimacy of our concerns are better assumed, thanks to the high development of social rights enjoyed by the militaries in the center and north of Europe.