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CLIMATE CHAOS and COVID-19 PANDEMIC: DANGERS FOR OUR SECURITY WHEN WARNINGS ARE IGNORED

Don't worry, it might never happen. And then it does.

Health and security experts have warned about the risks and dangers of a global coronavirus pandemic for years. This deadly threat topped international and UK security analyses, along with climate destruction.



Yet when Covid-19 hit, most governments were woefully unprepared, including in Britain.

Despite [World Health Organisation](#) (WHO) warnings and UK [government exercises](#) like [Cygnus](#), British leaders [failed to make adequate preparations](#). Playing politics with our security, they cut the NHS and care services to the bone, in the name of "austerity", while allowing stocks of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to go out of date without being replaced.

We are now paying the price for the arrogance of politicians who were told the risks but chose to ignore them. Instead the UK poured money into Brexit, unsustainable transport, fossil fuels and vanity projects like HS2 and Trident nuclear weapons. "Defence" and "jobs" were evoked to justify subsidies to arms companies like BAE that make and sell weapons to warmongers, tyrants and human rights violators.

Security doesn't come from policies that "punch above our weight". Peace and security depend on good health, schools and care services, safe homes, clean air, food, water, sustainable energy, jobs, incomes.

**REAL SECURITY MEANS BEING PREPARED
FOR REAL RISKS**

THERE'S NO PLANET B – PROTECT THE HOME WE SHARE

The Covid-19 pandemic has shocked us, and we need to change how we think about security. Our lives, jobs and economies have been turned upside down. How can we learn from this upheaval and prevent even worse catastrophes in the future?

We hope that a vaccine will be developed that can bring the frightening rates of infection and death down. But there can be no vaccines or quick fixes to prevent nuclear war and irreversible climate destruction. These threats are real, and could end all life on Earth. Climate chaos is happening now. Over [13,500 nuclear weapons](#) deployed by nine States pose huge dangers to our security every day.

RETHINK SECURITY AND MAKE URGENT CHANGES NOW, BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE

- ➔ **Recognise and halt** the damage caused by human violence, arrogance, militarism and abuse of other people and nature.
- ➔ **Ask questions**, look at the facts, prepare and plan for the real, foreseeable threats we face.
- ➔ **Make the links**, raise awareness, and change to more responsible personal and political behaviour, expectations and sustainable consumption and use of resources.
- ➔ **Take responsibility and mitigate dangers** with cooperative action for global peace, health and climate justice.
- ➔ **Bring about** national and global Green New Deal policies to build climate justice and a healthier, more caring and peaceful future for all.

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