



STOP WAR

STOP CLIMATE CHAOS

**Why confronting the
military is essential
for combating the
climate crisis**

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20% of all environmental degradation around the world is due to military and related activities involving the US and the UK.

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In the first five years of the Iraq War, the activity of US and UK militaries accounted for 141 million metric tonnes of CO₂. This is more than the yearly emissions of 139 countries combined.

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The US military is the largest institutional consumer of petroleum in the world, using up to 395,000 barrels of oil every day.

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In April 2018, there were almost 1000 Ministry of Defence aircraft in service. The emissions from these aircraft in that month alone would have reached up to 1,900 tonnes of CO₂. In comparison, the average car releases 4.6 tonnes in one year.

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Depleted uranium and toxic chemicals from US bombs and weapons have contaminated many areas of the Middle East. As a result a concerning number of birth-defects have been documented in the most frequently bombed areas of Iraq, especially in Fallujah.

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Nuclear weapons pose an incalculable threat to life and the environment. The process of nuclear testing and production results in high levels of thermal pollution causing shock to marine life. This disrupts ecosystems and creates reproductive abnormalities in both plants and animals.

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War is one of the major drivers of climate change. The carbon footprint of the military, the destruction of buildings, water supplies and agricultural land, and the use of chemicals like depleted uranium have all exacerbated environmental change. A more peaceful world means a safer planet.”

– **Lindsey German, Stop the War Convenor**

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