

# Climate Chaos causes War which causes Climate Chaos

Military emissions amount to an estimated 15% of the global total. Plymouth is a military city and Britain's largest naval port. Yet Plymouth City Council omits local military emissions from its calculations for action to address the climate emergency.

Emissions of "greenhouse" or global heating gases (GHGs), including CO<sub>2</sub>, Methane and Nitrous Oxide are the root cause of the accelerating climate catastrophe.

Fossil fuels - oil, gas and coal - are the main source of emissions, amounting to far more than soot from woodburning and livestock gases.

The world's military industrial complex has huge energy use with most of their emissions undisclosed. The United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) only reports on military fuel emissions, making the total emissions of the entire military sector, including arms manufacturing and emissions from military bases and supply chains uncharted.

[www.militaryemissions.org](http://www.militaryemissions.org) seeks to assess the entire military carbon footprint and has found that no country fully calculates or divulges its total liability. For example, the UK publishes only aviation and fuel use, the USA publishes bunker fuels and emissions from incineration, and 33 countries, including Israel, India, China, Iran, Egypt and Indonesia record no military emissions at all.

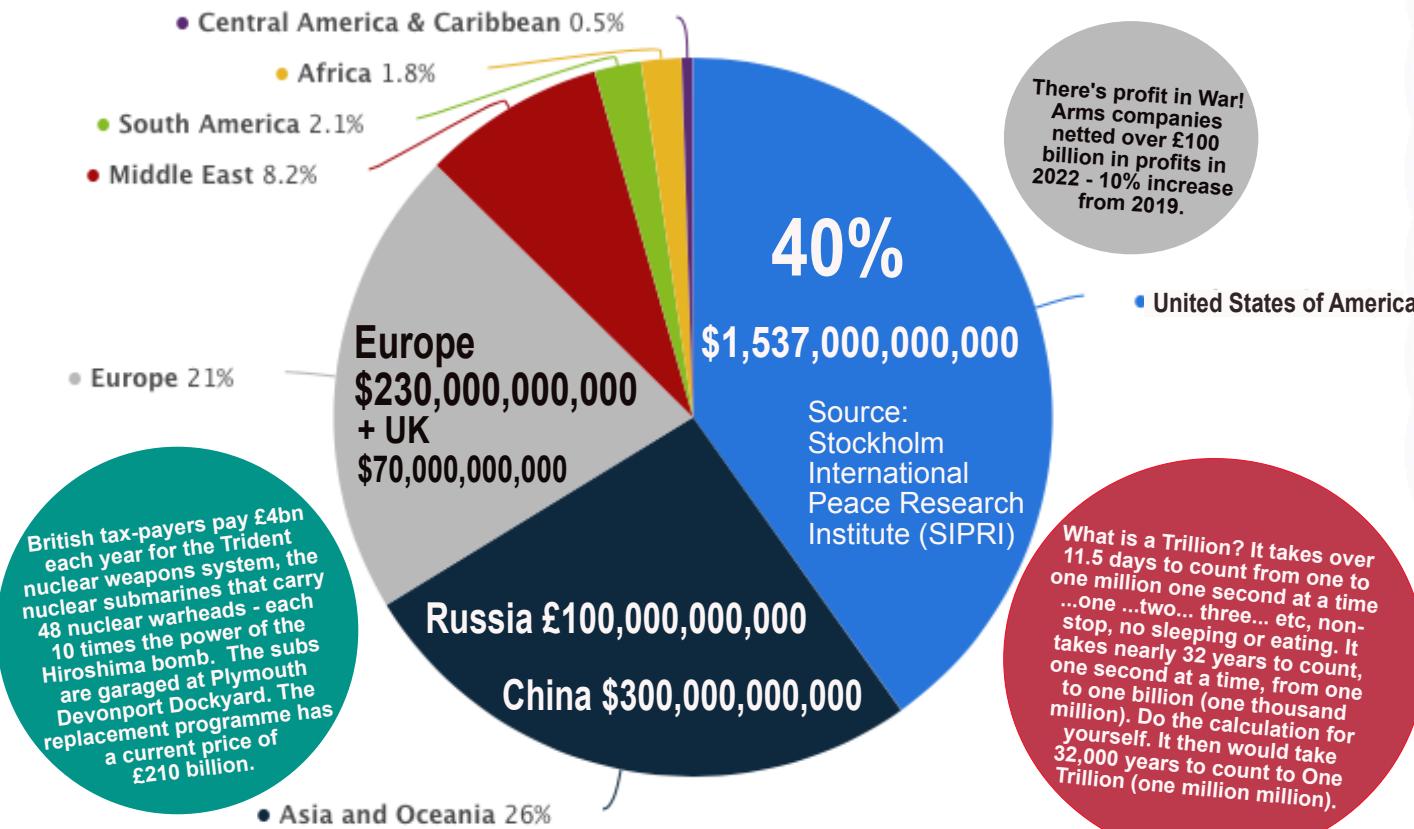
Because of this, all estimates of current emissions are significantly understated, representing a fraction of the real total. Current scientifically-based demands for a 45% reduction in global emissions by 2030 to avoid baked-in climate change represent the least action required.

## Nuclear Power is not Green!

Nuclear power stations are extremely expensive to build; take decades to plan and construct prior to producing any electricity - the construction requiring enormous amounts of mining, concrete and steel representing huge global heating emissions; cost the taxpayer and electricity consumer far more than any form of renewable power generation, and produce radioactive waste which is deadly to all life and for which there is no safe storage solution. Worse still, nuclear power is tied to the nuclear weapons industry sharing technological developments, scientific research and staffing. We do not need nuclear power or nuclear weapons: wave, wind & solar are the proven future for energy generation.



# \$2.25trillion Spent on Arms in 2023



If half the money spent on the military industrial complex was spent, instead, on effectively managing the climate emergency, writes Tony Staunton of the Campaign against Climate Change, we would have a chance of meeting the COP targets for keeping global warming below the crucial 1.5C increase in global temperature rise. We could fund the millions of climate jobs needed to end reliance on fossil fuels and build green energy hubs and infrastructure. \$1 Trillion per year from now on would begin the transition of economic and social infrastructure towards global security from climate change. Imagine what could be done if we ended all war!

## No to Climate Chaos! No to War!

### Refugees from Climate and War must be Welcomed Here!

At least 20,000 children are permanently displaced from their homes due to climate change every day. More than 1 billion climate refugees are expected by 2040, being denied refuge in countries less stricken by climate change, largely in the North Western hemisphere.

Around 84% of the world's refugees live in "climate change hotspots". The effects of climate change, like extreme weather events, are hugely detrimental and increase the vulnerability of refugees and displaced people. Refugee camps as large as cities are growing, locking millions inside guarded open prisons reliant upon charitable food aid and health care for life.

The UK government's recent cuts to emissions targets whilst going ahead with more than 100 new fossil fuel licences are a death sentence. These are genocidal policies for people not just in the global south but in Britain. Environmental degradation is not a separate or non-political issue. We must identify the root cause of climate catastrophe and challenge racism. Recently JSO protesters tried to stop refugees from being taken onto the Bibby Stockholm prison barge, making that link between climate and migrant justice. Such Civil Disobedience and protest have a real effect, making the issues a public concern. Refugees must be welcomed and cared for as part of the call for Climate Justice.



# Bombs Fall, Oceans Rise - and BP is Fuelling Genocide!

No Blood for Oil!

No New Oil & Gas Extraction!

Global Climate Justice & Freedom for Palestine go hand-in-hand!

On October 30th 2023, Israel awarded twelve licences to six companies including BP, for natural gas exploration off the coast of Gaza, the besieged Palestinian territory being bombed by the Israeli Defence Forces since 7th October, and besieged since 2006.

**Gaza is part of Palestine**, where illegal Israeli settlements have colonised much of the lands since 1948 and enclosed Palestinians inside refugee camps, guarded as open prisons with third-class ID-passes and the prevention of any of freedom of movement for millions. Palestinian land, water and resources have been taken for Israel's Settler colonies.

**The Mediterranean Sea** (and land beneath) off the Gazan coast is now claimed for Israel, that State selling new gas and oil deposits sold to fossil fuel corporations for imminent extraction. The power of Imperialism - joining together military State apparatus, fossil fuel

corporations and the exploitation of cheap colonised workforces - is at the centre of both the war on Gaza and the worsening Climate Catastrophe. Climate Colonialism is seeing powerful states and transnational corporations forcibly take-over lands and entire countries. throughout the Global South. They're colonising the people and stealing precious resources as the climate crisis deepens and the catastrophe of floods, fires, droughts and failed harvests force millions into climate refugee camps.

### Climate Refugee Camps

The genocide against citizens of Gaza today is a possible future for hundreds of millions in the Global South, unless we stop fossil fuels and the wars waged for them.

### Oil is a fuel for both imperialism and climate chaos

Climate change, war, competition and fossil fuels are all central to Capitalism. They are driven forward by the same pressure: profit-making and competition.

States battle one another over dominance and control. If they succeed, they can continue to outdo their rivals in waging wars and grabbing resources. This is also why those in charge are still committed to fossil fuels.

The suppression of Palestinian human rights is part of the same system that is at the root of the accelerating climate and nature emergency—a system of inequality, violence and exploitation. We cannot begin to secure a just and liveable future without an end to systems of violence and oppression all around the world, and the liberation of all Indigenous people.