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Climate and war



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From the Transnational Institute (TNI), based in Amsterdam, comes to us thanks to Jeremy Kusmarov, from *Covert Action Magazine* (5/12/22), a valuable article on a topic that would have been at the forefront of the work agenda of Richard Barnett and Marcus Raskin, the founders and promoters of that research center. With both I had a professional relationship and friendship and their absences have been difficult to accept.

Links Between the two subjects addressed in the title have been clearly articulated and precision, important because they are not separate problems, as they are They present to public opinion. Integrated are part and parcel of what Herbert Marcuse called the public use of reason. The Fossil fuels have been affected by depth and already Needless suffering

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and deaths in the face of increasing ravages of deterioration climate and industrial war mobilization, since both war and climate, enter an area of new complexity before the terminal and face-to-face of These two axes of civilizational destruction.

This makes They shattered their vast campaign of climate denialism, still supported by the state finance and the world's leading banks (see *Banking on Climate Chaos*). Every wildfire, every flood, every big snowmelt At the poles it makes obvious to the public the reason that attends the warnings made by the scientific community. Now the war comes to give a respite to the interests of the fossil fuel industry.

In the TNI report, which I quote *in extenso*, details how the Huge military spending by the richest countries to a large extent Accelerating the Climate Crisis: Every Dollar Spent on the Military Not Just increases greenhouse gas emissions, but also diverts the financial resources, skills, and attention to address one of the greater threats humanity has ever experienced, the report notes.

Spending Military has been growing since the 1990s, reaching a record of 2 trillions (trillions in the U.S. numeral system). Between 2013 and 2021, the richest countries spent a combined total of 9.45 trillions, corresponding by far the largest expenditure military to the United States.

About that the Peter G. Peterson Foundation, citing a SIPRI report, compares the 801 billion of the 2022 US military budget with 777 thousand million from nine countries: China, India, United Kingdom, Russia, France, Germany, Saudi Arabia, Japan and South Korea as a whole (Peter G. Peterson F., 11/5/22).

Back to the TNI report, the relationship between war and climate is clear: between 2001 and In 2018, the United States issued an estimated 1,267 billion tons of greenhouse gases, i.e. 40 percent of those that have been attributed to the war on terror (the post-9/11 wars) and interventions military in Afghanistan and Iraq.

As States United States has just over 700 bases around the planet, the coordination of that vast system, both in times of peace and especially in times of war, it leads to a huge use of fossil fuels for air transport, land and sea troops and military equipment. Keep in mind

that, as indicates the TNI, so far the military has not been able to find suitable alternatives to fuels for their vehicles, their jets They combat that emit large amounts of greenhouse gas. And even more: they continue to develop new weapons that are even more polluting or buying fighter jets such as the F35, with very high fuel consumption and turbosines: 24 for the Czech Republic, 35 for Germany, 36 for Switzerland and 375 additional for the United States. In addition, the war in Ukraine has overburdened military spending; the European Commission anticipates an increase in expenditure on defense in its member states of about 200 billion dollars, while the United States has reached a record 847 billion dollars by 2023 (by further exaggerating the China threat), and Canada has announced a an extra \$8 billion increase in military spending over the next five years, So climate goals have been quickly pulled by the window.

The maximums Winners of these conflicts are the arms industry and the arms industry. fossil fuels, while the world burns, and even many Climate Justice Groups Shelve Environmental Agenda to Endorse war and illegal economic sanctions that are acts of war that may, according to the TNI document, unleash a nuclear war. In the Climate dimension, the boycott of Russian gas and oil has led to growth of liquefied natural gas vessels to Europe by U.S. companies that have devastated the environment with the *Fracking* revolution (oil extraction does not conventional) .

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