

**WHAT HAS  
CONFLICT GOT  
TO DO WITH  
THE CLIMATE  
AND  
ECOLOGICAL  
EMERGENCY?**



**extinction  
rebellion**

# **“THE THREATS OF OUR MODERN WORLD, MADE WORSE BY RISING SEAS, EXTREME WEATHER AND CREEPING DESERTIFICATION, WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY LEAD TO MORE CONFLICT. MORE CONFLICT IN ITSELF WILL DAMAGE THE PLANET”**

**— MINISTRY OF DEFENCE**

There is a strong link between the climate and ecological emergency (CEE) and conflict.

Of the 25 most climate-vulnerable nations, over half are already in conflict. A 2019 study found climate change contributed to between 3% to 20% of conflicts over the last century with the potential influence set to increase substantially due to warming global temperatures.

Both the CEE and conflict are rooted in oppression, both historic and current.

Exploitation, colonialism, racism and poverty bind these issues together, as those on the frontlines of the climate and ecological emergency are also likely to be suffering from violence and oppression.

This is perpetuated by institutions and corporations, such as governments, banks and arms companies, that are entwined in a web of exploitation that profits from injustice.

As the climate emergency escalates, so will the number of conflicts.



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