

Protection & asylum for refuseniks



#OBJECT WAR
CAMPAIGN

Solidarity with conscientious objectors and
deserters from Russia, Belarus and Ukraine

Sign now!

#ОткажиВойне
#ВідмовВійні

Sign the petition to the European Commission/Council/Parliament demanding “protection and asylum for deserters and conscientious objectors” from Russia, Belarus, Ukraine and to “open the borders to those who oppose war at great personal risk in their country”. This petition is run by Connection e.V., International Fellowship of Reconciliation, European Bureau for Conscientious Objection and War Resisters’ International.

We campaign alongside the Global Women’s Strike for the right to refuse to fight, for all soldiers, conscientious objectors, deserters & refusers of conscription. **For information and to sign:** <https://ymip.com/zDaOna>

Russian mothers say: Troops out of Ukraine!



ПИСЬМО ДЕПУТАТАМ ОТ МАТЕРЕЙ
РОССИЙСКОЙ ФЕДЕРАЦИИ

В День Матери отправьте обращение депутатам
с требованием матерей вывести войска из Украины
и вернуть солдат домой

“We demand the withdrawal of troops from the territory of Ukraine, the return of all soldiers home, the protection of conscript soldiers from participating in any hostilities, the adoption of a law on the prevention of domestic violence, worthy material support for childhood and motherhood!”

Letter by the Russian mothers of the Feminist Anti-War Resistance movement & an initiative group of conscripts & mothers of conscripts.

Circulate/sign their petition
<https://tinyurl.com/2xwv2hhc>

Payday, a network of men campaigning with Global Women’s Strike
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THE MILITARY: KILLING PEOPLE & PLANET



‘The US military is the biggest single polluter on earth.’

Whitney Webb EcoWatch 21 May 2017



Invest in Caring, Not Killing!
#CareIncomeNow!

GLOBAL MILITARY EXPENDITURES ARE ABOUT TWO TRILLION DOLLARS ANNUALLY

Imagine how that money could be used to repair the planet, end poverty & care for each other.



ECOCIDE IN UKRAINE 70k plant & animal species at risk of extinction • Increased air pollution as chemicals & oil facilities are bombed • Farm land destroyed • Water contaminated • Deforestation and greenhouse gasses • Marine life harmed, including dolphins killed • Record methane leak in Baltic sea after pipeline sabotage • Higher risks of power stations radiation leaks and nuclear annihilation.

DEPLETED URANIUM FOR UKRAINE The UK minister of state for defence Baroness Annabel Goldie: “We will be providing ammunition including armour piercing rounds which contain depleted uranium.” The UK is the second largest global defence exporter after the USA.



MAJOR CONFLICTS (including in Iraq & Afghanistan) have caused huge environmental destruction to extract fossil fuels –themselves major pollutants & a cause of climate change. Polluters polluting in order to continue to pollute!

IRAQ: DESERT & CANCER The US-UK occupation has destroyed the land: 90% is in a state of desertification & 80% of its food must be imported. The Coalition of the Willing’s use of depleted uranium munitions has caused untold kidney damage, lung & bone cancers, respiratory disease, neuro-cognitive disorders, chromosomal damage & birth defects. Invading soldiers suffered from Gulf War Syndrome. All for oil.

NUCLEAR POLLUTION After Hiroshima & Nagasaki, until 1958 the US tested 66 nuclear weapons in the south Pacific leading to an exceedingly high rate of cancer. Between 1951 and 1992 they conducted 928 nuclear tests in Nevada, 100 of which were in the air, and thus widely spread radiation. Native reservations have been polluted by testing & long-abandoned uranium mines tailings. Radioactivity knows no borders.

CARBON EMISSIONS There are some 800 US military bases in 80 countries, which use enormous quantities of petrol & diesel; Russia, UK, France, Turkey, etc., all have foreign military bases. One F-15 jet burns 385 gallons/minute. The Pentagon’s greenhouse gas emissions are greater than the whole of Sweden’s..

HAZARDOUS WASTE US military bases, domestic & foreign, are some of the most polluted places in the world. Jet & rocket fuel contaminate drinking water & the soil. The US Dept of Defence is producing more hazardous waste than the five largest US chemical companies combined. In the US alone, there are 39,000 contaminated areas spread across 76,000 km², a territory bigger than Ireland.

ISRAEL is a nuclear power which has never signed up to a non-proliferation agreement. Its arms industry is aimed particularly at dictatorships, often military dictatorships taking power by coups: for example, death squads in South & Central America, Portuguese colonisers in Africa, apartheid South Africa, genocides in Rwanda and in Myanmar of the Muslim Rohingya people, Modi’s anti-Muslim pogroms . . .

The arms & spying industries are perfected on Palestinian communities, whose country & people the Israelis have occupied, imprisoned & murdered. The Palestinian anti-imperialist, anti-apartheid resistance has inspired young people in the UK to target Israeli arms manufacturer Elbit, forcing the permanent closure of its Leicester factory. A number of juries have refused to convict ‘Palestine Actionists’. The battle continues . . .

The anti-military movement has always campaigned against environmental destruction. Opposing war, the military & arms production contribute to saving the planet.

WE JOIN WITH THE GLOBAL WOMEN’S STRIKE TO DEMAND A CARE INCOME FOR PEOPLE & PLANET If we are to survive, we need to stop the military-industrial complex from destroying the planet’s ecosystems. We must win back resources and time to repair this damage, including by helping the soil to regenerate through natural farming, and by caring for all those - our children, elderly & disabled relatives, the whole community - whose wellbeing has been affected by this environmental devastation. Caring for people and planet is too often undervalued or invisible, and overwhelmingly done by women, beginning with mothers. We demand that the money invested in the military be invested instead in this urgent and life-saving caring work.