

# Turning a blind eye to military adventurism as a threat to environment.

## (I) Introduction:

Thesis Statement: Military adventurism has always been a formidable threat to the environment. Military adventurism coupled with expansionism has caused deforestation, air pollution and impacted overall climate of the atmosphere.

## II Military adventurism and its possible impacts to environment: an overview.

### (III) How turning a blind eye to military adventurism is a threat to environment

(a) Military adventurism results in deforestation and habitat destruction.

case study: Deforestation in the Amazon rainforest due to military operations.

(b) Atmospheric pollution has been increased due to military practices.

case study: Air Quality Index's reports on air quality of Ukraine amid Russian invasion.

(c) Military operations also cause water pollution and damage water reservoirs

case study: Russian attack on Ukrainian dam in 2023.

(d) Military activities severely affect ecosystem and biodiversity

case study: Destruction of coral reefs and marine life due to naval activities.

(e) Heavy weapons containing lethal chemicals destroy fields and deteriorate quality of soil which results a barren land

case study: Hiroshima & Nagasaki attack & aftermath.

(IV) Demonstration of the possible effects of military adventurism.

(a) Due to deforestation, other multifaceted climate issues originate

case study: Reduction in number of trees results in great amount of carbon in atmosphere.

(b) Humans face serious life-threatening issues due to air pollution caused by military activities.

case study: People in Ukraine are facing health issues due to poor air quality amid war

(c) Military activities damage water resources, which result flood like situation  
case study: Flood in Ukraine after attack of Russian army on a Ukrainian dam

(d) Military adventurism also cause great economic loss, especially in developing countries

case study: Invading Ukraine, Yemen, Iraq, Sudan and Iran have resulted in massive economic loss

(V) Below military adventurism can possibly be stopped

(a) United Nations' role is imperative amid such scenario of military adventurism  
case study:

(b) Great powers should come forward to tackle this menace of military adventurism.

case study: Iran-Saudi rapprochement by China.

(c) Regional organizations can also play a vital role in mitigating military activities that pose serious threat to environment.

case study: Shanghai Cooperation Organization, in South Asia and European Union in west can play crucial role in dealing military adventurism

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## Conclusion

"War and military adventurism are not only human tragedies but also grave assaults on the environment," said Jane Goodall. According to Jane Goodall, military adventurism jeopardizes not only human lives and region but also the environment. Military adventurism has a great potential to cause deforestation and destroy habitat of species. Moreover, military practices also enhance atmospheric pollution at unprecedented levels, which in return poses great health issues. Not only air quality has been affected but also water resources. There are evidences which prove that military activities are a great threat to water resources. Additionally, ecosystem and biodiversity are at a great risk due to military practices on land and in water. During war times soldiers use heavy weapons containing lethal chemicals that destroy land & cause disruption in productivity. However, all such practices pose real danger to human and other living beings. As a result of deforestation, various climate-induced changes occur, which in turn wreak havoc. These climate-induced changes may be of various kinds, including torrential rains, melting of glaciers, rising of sea levels & deadly cyclones in seas.

changes add miseries to the people. Moreover, military adventurism cause water pollution, massive economic loss and loss of human lives. Therefore it has become evident that there must be end of this menace; this is only possible through direct intervention of United Nations, and positive role of bigwigs of the world. For stopping this notorious advancement, regional organizations can also play a constructive role. Therefore, Shanghai Cooperation Organization and European Union should come forward & play their respective role to end this threat.

Military adventurism refers to the aggressive & often reckless pursuit of military actions, interventions, or operations by a nation or state. It, however, involves the deliberate engagement in military activities beyond a country's legitimate defense needs or without a clear and justifiable cause. Such activities not only jeopardize human lives but also the environment. There are plenty of instances which show such adventurism has resulted environmental degradation. For example, a great environmental loss had been reported during Gulf War in 1990-1991. Hence it is an expansion that has resulted environmental loss.

Moreover, military adventurism causes massive deforestation and habitat destruction. Such activities, military adventurism involved tanks & vehicles that are a major cause of deforestation. During war times, missiles & other heavy machinery damage trees and affect the whole area very badly. One of the instances is deforestation in Amazon rainforest due to military operations. As a result, overall climate may affect by deforestation.

Besides, atmospheric pollution has also increased due to military activities. Air pollution caused by such practices have always been a serious issue for human health. Missiles and gun shots leave chemical substance in air, which become a serious threat ~~when~~ mixing up with other pollutants. According to the Air quality Index, air quality of Ukraine, especially war-affected areas, is very poor; become a life threat for netizens. So, such activities are a major source of air pollution.

Water resources are also under a great threat of military activities. Water being an <sup>natural</sup> important resource, has greatly impacted by human activities. For example, naval activities in sea and recent incident as reported by Ukrainian media, Russia attacked on a dam in Ukraine. As a result of attack, dam had been vanished and caused flood like situation. Many people lost lives and other lost their property. This way water has been targeted & polluted by military advancement.