



International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict

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This day aims to educate people about the damaging effects of war and armed conflict on the environment. It is an opportunity for everyone to reflect on the role of war on damaging natural environments and discuss ways to limit environmental destruction caused by armed conflict.

The environments in which people live become a forgotten victim of war. Water wells are polluted, crops torched, forests cut down, soils poisoned and animals killed to gain military advantage.



The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) has found that over the last **60 years**, at least **40%** of all internal conflicts have been linked to the exploitation of natural resources, whether high-value resources such as timber, diamonds, gold and oil, or scarce resources such as fertile land and water.