A main effect of war, occupation and neo-colonial policies is the ecological crisis. This is a reality from Palestine, Morocco to Iraq, and it is already undermining the socioeconomic and basis of life in the region. Its effects are seen in disruptive climate change, polluting extractive industries, exhaustion of natural resources, water scarcity and wars leaving behind metals delivered by modern ammunition, D.U and white phosphorus as in Iraq and Gaza. It is this tragic state of affairs that creates “sacrifice zones”, where socio-environmental conflicts over land, resources and livelihoods take centre stage. People across the region are demanding jobs, sovereignty, a safe environment and accountability for those who abuse their power as well as building alternatives.

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