# 'The Chevron Way': Fueling climate disaster, war, and genocide for profit

Friends of the Earth International

Chevron, one of the biggest fossil fuel corporations globally, proudly boasts of its internal compass - The Chevron Way. But behind its greenwashing smokescreen lies environmental devastation, Human Rights violations, conflict, wars and genocide.

## CLIMATE CRIMINAL THROUGH AND THROUGH



**62.5MTCO$_2$**
**Chevron's CO$_2$ emissions**
(1912 to 2014)[1]




**N°1**
**Chevron is the biggest investor-owned company CO$_2$ emitter globally**[2]




**1954**
**Date from which Chevron knew of the devastating impacts fossil fuels would have on our climate**[3]

Chevron's impunity for its environmental damage and violations is well documented.[4] The company has been found liable for at least US$ 55 billion in judgments, interest, and seizure claims globally for environmental damages and Human Rights violations.[5]

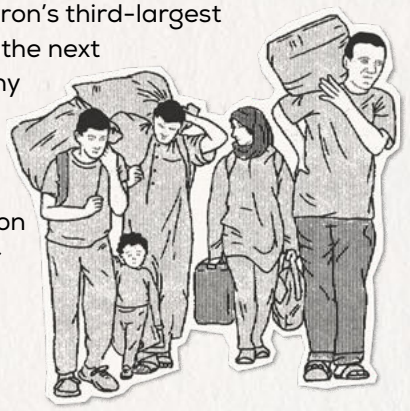
A flagship example of Chevron's environmental devastation is found in the Ecuadorian Amazon. Since 1967, Chevron extracted oil from the area while dumping over 60 billion litres of toxic waste into rivers, and leaving 880 open pits of poison across 480 thousand hectares of rainforest. The impacts on local communities, their environment and livelihoods are beyond comprehension. Brought to justice by local communities, Chevron fled the country with its billions in profit, intimidated and threatened those seeking justice, and retaliated with international arbitration.[6,7]

## FUELING THE WAR MACHINE TO FUEL EXPANDING PROFITS

Chevron fuels conflict and wars all over the world and generates profit from the resulting devastation. In Venezuela, Chevron strategically positioned itself as the only major US firm operating in the country after the nationalisation of the industry, including through lobbying efforts to the US government.[8] The company's US Gulf Coast refineries further position it to maximise profit from the recent US invasion, whilst Black, Latino, and Indigenous communities in the area will be the most impacted by local pollution from its activities.[9] Chevron also participates in three joint ventures whose production reached 280,000 barrels per day in a 12% growth over the last six months.[10] Following the US war on Iran, Chevron also registered its highest-ever quarterly profit of US$ 12.2 billion, a profit over five times larger than the same period in the previous year.[11]

## ISRAEL'S TOP BUSINESS PARTNER, COMPLICIT IN GENOCIDE AND OCCUPATION

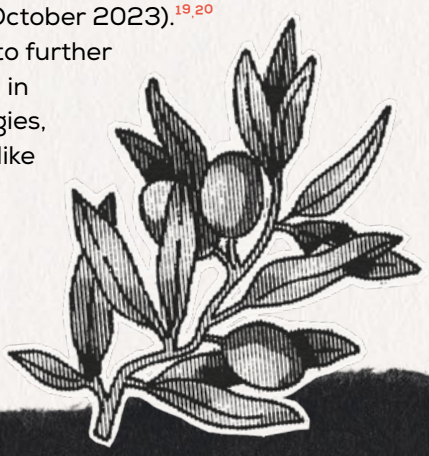
Whilst Chevron is the largest provider of energy to Israel, Israel will be Chevron's third-largest source of gas globally over the next twenty years.[12] The company is notably complicit in, and facilitating, Israel's occupation and genocide in Palestine via the operation and co-ownership of major gas fields off the coast of Palestine, mainly the



Leviathan and Tamar fields.[13] The protection of these critical energy sources has been used to justify Israel's continued maritime blockade of Gaza, and the resulting catastrophic impacts, including on Palestinian fisherfolk and Food Sovereignty.[14]

Whilst the genocide of Palestinians unfolds, Chevron's activities in Levant waters expand.[15] The company's exploitation of offshore gas in the Tamar and Leviathan fields is developing, with approved plans to expand the Leviathan's production capacity,[16] the completion of the Tamar's Optimization Project reflecting Chevron's "long-standing commitment to partner with the State of Israel",[17] and the recent addition of the Ashdod-Ashkelon connection, which will increase Leviathan's export capacity by 43%.[18]

Chevron also supplies Israel with crude oil, as it owns 28% of the oil production in Kazakhstan that feeds the Caspian Pipeline (22% of the crude oil imported by Israel since October 2023).[19,20] The company is also due to further its partnership with Israel in developing new technologies, including False Solutions like hydrogen, as well as AI and cybersecurity.



## FRIENDS OF THE EARTH INTERNATIONAL'S DEMANDS

Friends of the Earth International struggles against all systems of oppression, condemning imperialism, the ongoing genocide in Gaza, and calling for peace.

We stand in internationalist solidarity with the people of Palestine and all those on the frontlines of imperialist aggression, and are guided by the following demands. We call on:

- **STATES** to end military, financial, logistical and diplomatic support enabling grave violations of international law in Gaza and the West Bank, while redirecting war-related resources to the transformation and repair of this world.
- **MOVEMENTS AND PEOPLE** worldwide to mobilise, denounce, boycott and pressure corporations that profit from genocide, climate destruction and Palestinian suffering. Their complicity and impunity must end.
- **COUNTRIES** to adopt and enforce binding laws ensuring companies operating within their territories do not facilitate international crimes or violate Human Rights and humanitarian law, while holding them accountable and ensuring access to effective justice and remedies for affected communities.

## TAKE ACTION TO END CHEVRON'S IMPUNITY AND COMPLICITY

The company has shown time and again what the 'Chevron Way' stands for: environmental devastation, Human and Indigenous Rights violations, impunity, and the fueling of war and imperialist aggression. But frontline communities, movements and people around the world are taking action:

**Join a local campaign:** The Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions campaign has been targeting Chevron for years for its complicity with Israel.

**Take action on Anti-Chevron day:** Friends of the Earth International, together with allies across the world, mobilises on Anti-Chevron day every year on May 21st.

**Support UDAPT / Friends of the Earth Ecuador:** Stand in solidarity and amplify their struggle for justice against Chevron.

**Demand a Global Energy Embargo for Palestine:** It is critical to link the dots and unite struggles for Palestine liberation and environmental justice by demanding an Energy Embargo for Palestine.

**Read our full demands here: bit.ly/4A69wWP**

* *Endnotes and references can be found here : bit.ly/4hLnF5t*

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