

# War Crimes and War-Making:

## Canada's Past Military Operations and New Foreign & Defence Policies

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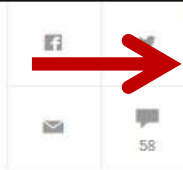
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- Canada's new foreign policy and defence policy –  
*Is it feminist? Is it peacekeeping?*
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## THE U.S. GOES TO WAR AGAINST THE ICC TO COVER UP ALLEGED WAR CRIMES IN AFGHANISTAN



Murtaza Hussain

September 12 2018, 11:42 a.m.

“The United States will not cooperate with the ICC, we will provide no assistance to the ICC, and we certainly will not join the ICC... We will ban its judges and prosecutors from entering the United States. We will sanction their funds in the U.S. financial system. And we will prosecute them in the U.S. criminal system. We will do the same for any company or state that assists an ICC investigation of Americans.”

U.S. National Security Adviser, John Bolton

**September 10, 2018**

# November 2017 – International Criminal Court (ICC)

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→ **ICC war-crimes prosecutor seeks investigation into Afghanistan conflict**



CIA 'dark sites' in countries such as Poland, Lithuania could be part of probe

Thomson Reuters - Posted: Nov 03, 2017 1:28 PM ET | Last Updated: November 3, 2017



Chief prosecutor Fatou Bensouda was at the International Criminal Court in The Hague, Netherlands, on Sept. 29, 2015. Bensouda says she is seeking an investigation into alleged war crimes related to the conflict in Afghanistan. (Peter Dejong, file/Associated Press)

The chief prosecutor for the International Criminal Court said Friday she's seeking approval to

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## Canada complicit in torture of innocent Afghans, diplomat says



Intelligence officer and ex-diplomat Richard Colvin, right, testifies as he sits beside lawyer Lori Bokenfohr at a commons special committee on Afghanistan hears witnesses on transfer of Afghan detainees on Parliament Hill in Ottawa.

SEAN KILPATRICK/SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

STEVE CHASE

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In a damning indictment of how Canada handled prisoners early in its southern

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Harper Conservative government and Trudeau Liberal government refused to hold an inquiry.

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## Former MP to ask International Criminal Court to investigate Canada's Afghan war conduct



Former New Democrat MP asks International Criminal Court to include 'key' Canadians in war crimes probe



Murray Brewster · CBC News · Posted: Nov 27, 2017 5:00 AM ET | Last Updated: November 27, 2017



**BRIEF ON THE INVESTIGATION OF CANADIAN NATIONALS  
FOR WAR CRIMES AND CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY  
IN AFGHANISTAN**

Submitted to

**The Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court**

by

Craig Scott, Professor of Law,  
Osgoode Hall Law School of York University, Toronto

**November 26, 2017**

## Special forces secrecy impeded probe of potential wrongdoing in Afghanistan, report finds

By **BRUCE CAMPION-SMITH** Ottawa Bureau  
Wed., Sept. 5, 2018



OTTAWA—The secretive, tight-knit culture of Canada's special forces units — where information is shared only on a need-to-know basis and outsiders are viewed with suspicion — undermined accountability and impeded an investigation into allegations of wrongdoing by its soldiers during the Afghan conflict, a military inquiry has found.

"An overemphasis on operational security and strong cultural barriers prevented ... reporting serious and significant issues in a clear and unambiguous language," a report released Wednesday said.



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## Chrystia Freeland co-hosts 'historic' meeting for female foreign affairs ministers

By MORGAN LOWRIE The Canadian Press  
Fri., Sept. 21, 2018



MONTREAL—Female foreign affairs ministers from around the world gathered in Montreal on Friday to kick off a “historic” two-day summit that was described by Canada's Chrystia Freeland as the first of its kind.

Freeland and her co-host, Federica Mogherini, the high representative of the European Union, officially welcomed the delegates to a series of meetings that are set to end Saturday afternoon.



# June 2017 - CANADA

## Freeland says Canada needs hard power to support global order



Freeland says Canada needs set its own course on the world stage



Minister Chrystia Freeland delivered a foreign policy speech on multiculturalism, trade, climate change, and U.S. nationalist policies.

CTV National News: Canada's foreign policy



Joyce Napier on a new reality for Canada as the U.S. turns its back on international treaties and pulls out of alliances.

Freeland calls for more military spending



Foreign Affairs Minister Chrystia Freeland said Canada needs to spend billions on our military during a speech in the House of Commons.

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Mike Blanchfield, The Canadian Press  
Published Tuesday, June 6, 2017 10:34AM EDT  
Last Updated Tuesday, June 6, 2017 12:04PM EDT

OTTAWA -- Canadians need to spend billions on "hard power" military capability because they can't rely on the U.S. or others for protection, says Foreign Affairs Minister Chrystia Freeland.



“To put it plainly: Canadian diplomacy and development sometimes require the backing of hard power... We will make the necessary investments in our military, to not only redress years of neglect and underfunding, but also to place the Canadian Armed Forces on a new footing—with the equipment, training, resources and consistent, predictable financing they need to do their difficult, dangerous and important work.”

**- Minister of Foreign Affairs Chrystia Freeland, June 6, 2017**



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## More soldiers, ships and planes for military in Liberal defence plan

Long-range plan calls for a boost in spending and a larger contingent of regular and reservist troops

By Murray Brewster, CBC News Posted: Jun 07, 2017 12:26 PM ET Last Updated: Jun 07, 2017 9:14 PM ET



Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan, with Chief of the Defence Staff Gen. Jonathan Vance, right, unveils the Liberal government's long-awaited vision for expanding the Canadian Armed Forces in Ottawa on Wednesday. Canada will increase defence spending by \$13.9 billion over the next decade. (Adrian Wyld/Canadian Press)

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The Liberal government's new defence policy lays out a plan to increase the defence budget by 70 per cent over the next decade to \$32.7 billion.

It is a mixture of new and previously committed money.

The long-anticipated review calls for a slight increase in the size of the military — both regular and reserve forces.

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# STRONG SECURE ENGAGED

CANADA'S DEFENCE POLICY



## What are the new Canadian foreign and defence policies?

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- Foreign policy is the same as our military policy - Worse than Harper's plan
- Motivated by NATO and declares "US is our most important defence relationship"
- Increase to annual base budget of DND to **\$32.7 billion** per year by 2026
- Increase number of new warships from 12 to **15** cost of **\$114+ billion**
- Increase number of new fighter jets from 65 to **88** cost **\$40+ billion**
- Buy new armed drones and attack helicopters
- Modernize submarines and light armoured vehicles
- Increase inter-operability with allies
- **Increase special forces**
- **Increase troops targeting women, First Nations people and minorities**
- Militarize education - increase funding for defence R&D at universities

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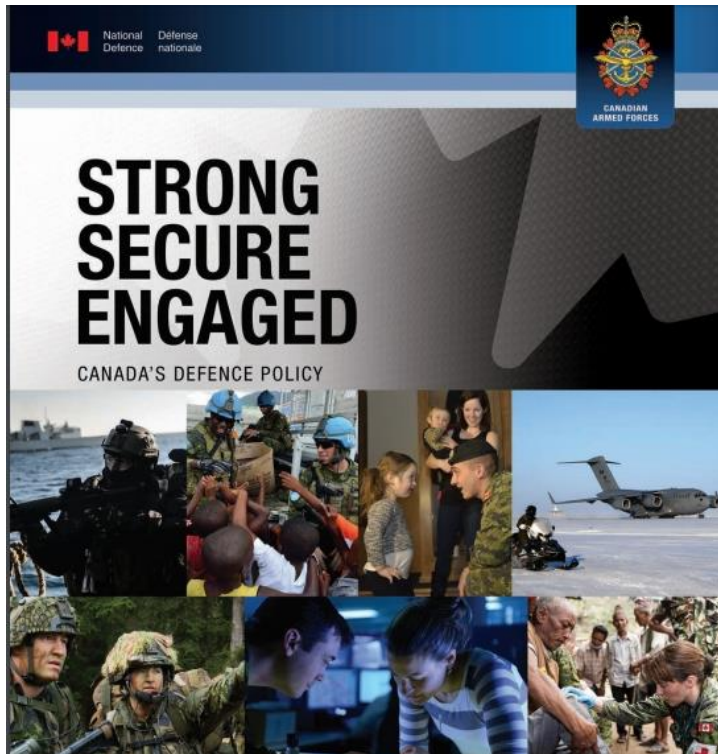
Table 1: Defence Funding (\$ millions)\*

	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Accrual Basis	17,148	17,174	17,636	18,677	19,464	20,015
Cash Basis	18,908	20,683	21,428	21,714	24,276	25,315

2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	Total 10yrs	Total 20yrs
20,870	22,092	23,278	23,899	24,551	207,654	497,012
26,048	29,879	31,741	31,931	32,673	265,688	553,003

*\*Not including future mission costs*

Defence Policy 2017, p. 43



“\$553 billion over next 20 years”

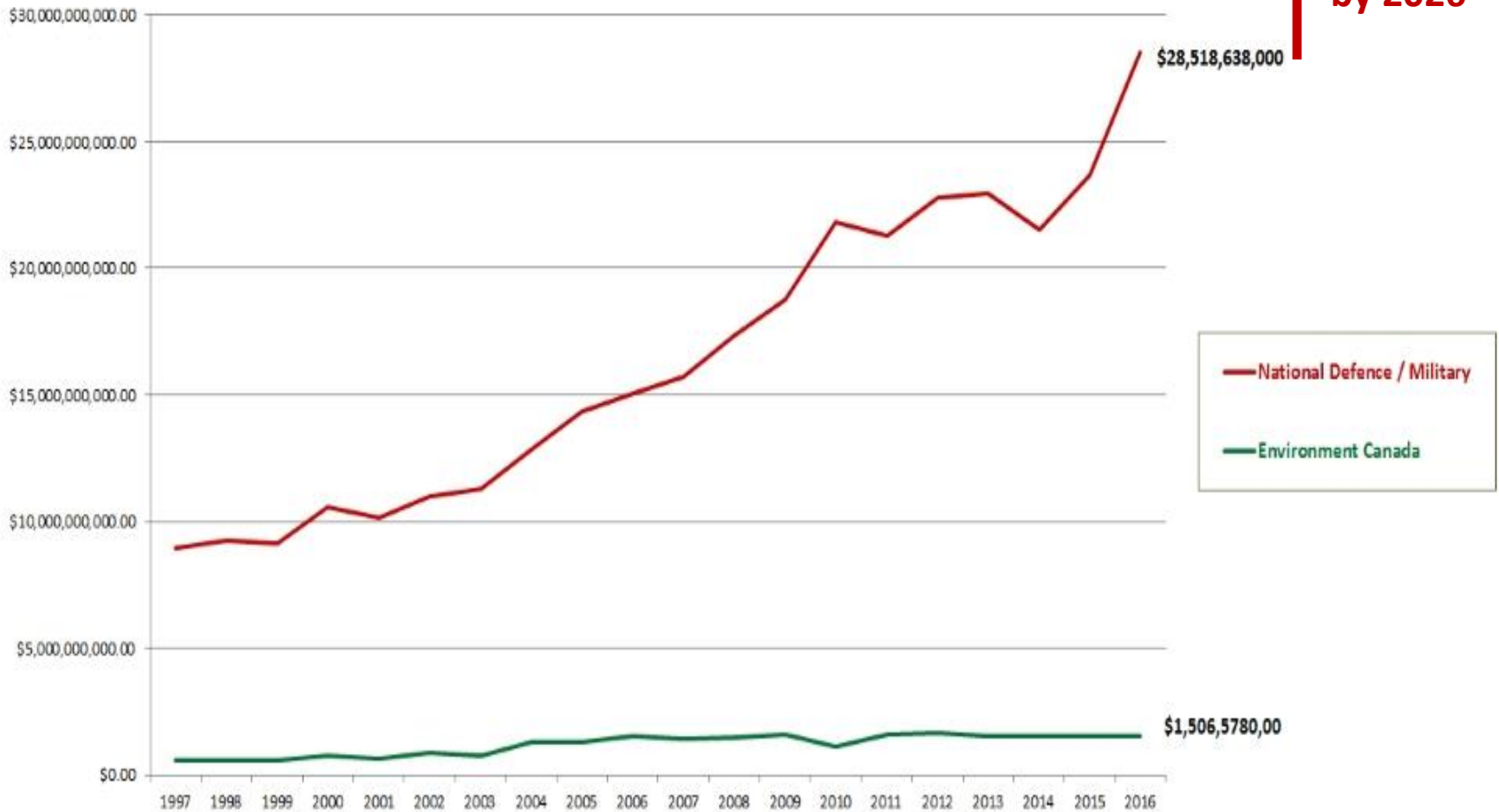
“Maintain high-level warfighting”

\*THERE WAS NO DISSENT BY ANY  
POLITICIAN FROM ANY PARTY\*

## Department of National Defence v. Environment Canada

### Funding for Military v. Environment, Government of Canada Expenditures from 1997-2016

From the *Public Accounts of Canada*, Receiver General for Canada, Vol 2, Table 1, Source: <http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca>



**\$32 billion  
by 2026**

**2015-2016**

**National Defence**

**Dept. of Environment & CC**

**\$28,000,000,000**

**\$1,500,000,000**

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**Canada's National Action Plan 2017-2022  
For the Implementation of the UN Security Council  
Resolutions on Women, Peace and Security**


***Gender Equality: A Foundation for Peace***

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→ “Canada’s new Defence Policy – *Strong Secure Engaged*  
– with its focus on gender equality and diversity, is also  
part of this feminist approach.”

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## Defence Investment Plan 2018

*Ensuring the Canadian Armed Forces is well-equipped and well-supported*



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# Canada and US are NOT peacekeepers



	<u>Country</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
46 .	Sweden	274	45	319
47 .	Ukraine	307	5	312
48 .	Côte d'Ivoire	265	19	284
49 .	Brazil	267	8	275
50 .	Serbia	227	33	260
51 .	Gambia	202	35	237
52 .	Peru	224	8	232
53 .	El Salvador	207	22	229
54 .	Tunisia	187	19	206
55 .	Austria	192	10	202
56 .	Slovakia	186	14	200
57 .	Portugal	181	16	197
58 .	Kenya	156	26	182
59 .	Djibouti	167	8	175
60 .	Guatemala	165	10	175
61 .	Canada	154	19	173
62 .	Turkey	162	4	166
63 .	Congo	138	19	157
64 .	Greece	123	29	152
65 .	Belgium	124	12	136
66 .	Zimbabwe	57	38	95
67 .	Liberia	80	6	86
68 .	Russian Federation	61	14	75
69 .	Namibia	50	20	70
70 .	Croatia	66	3	69
71 .	Norway	55	12	67
72 .	Mali	59	3	62
73 .	Sierra Leone	30	29	59
74 .	Romania	49	9	58

**Canada ranked #61 with 173 blue helmets; US is #75 with 55 peacekeepers**

**Source:** United Nations Peacekeeping Troop and Police Contributors  
<https://peacekeeping.un.org/en/troop-and-police-contributors>

# Canadian War-Making

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- Canadian special forces helped to overthrow government in Haiti in 2004, we are now working to overthrow government in Venezuela (Lima Group)
- Canada is arming Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Israel and Bahrain (Arms Exports 2016)
- Canada is refusing to join the nuclear weapons ban treaty
- Canada fuelling violent conflict & refugee crisis in Syria & Iraq (Operation IMPACT)
- Canadian troops in Latvia and Poland (Operation REASSURANCE)
- Canada training Ukrainian soldiers – very provocative to Russia (Operation UNIFIER)
- Canadian navy exercised with U.S. AFRICOM off coast of East Africa
- Canadian special forces across Africa and Middle East with no public oversight
- 2015 report Canadian forces “highly sexualized culture that is hostile to women”
- Canada led the NATO bombing of Libya in 2011
- Canada’s combat mission in Afghanistan from 2002-2014 – complicit torture

# What Can We Do?

- Support ICC Investigation into war crimes in Afghanistan
- Oppose Canada's new foreign policy and defence policy
- Demand reduction of military spending and a re-allocation to urgent social and environmental needs
- Demand reporting of military emissions
- Work to *Keep Space for Peace*



# The Global Network Against Weapons and Nuclear Power in Space

## No Space Force



## Keep Space for Peace

Trump has announced plans for a Space Force—a separate military service which would ensure US ‘control and domination’ of space on behalf of corporate interests. China, Russia and other space-faring nations would be the targets.

Under aerospace industry pressure this proposal would necessitate massive amounts of taxpayer dollars. We call it Pyramids to the

Heavens. Congress will have final approval of Trump’s proposal.

The U.N.’s Outer Space and Moon Treaties declare that space must be preserved for all of humanity. Help us defeat plans to weaponize space. Work to protect social progress on Earth rather than a new arms race in space. #NoSpaceForce

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