

Climate Change Shows Strong Link to Violence

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A group of scientists at the [University](#) of California, Berkeley, has claimed after conducting its recent [study](#) that the increase in violence at [present](#) in the world might be a result of shifts in climate.

It is being said a small change in rainfall or temperature was also found effective enough to cause an increase in violent acts. These may include group conflicts, war, rapes and murders as well as assaults.

Published in Science, the study said that the world could become a more-than-expected violent place with the present estimated [levels](#) of climate change.

A total of 60 [studies](#) were analyzed from across the world by the team; the data spanned hundreds of years. A strong link was found between climate and conflict.

There was a significant rise in domestic violence in India at the time of droughts, which were realized recently. Also, during heat waves in the US, an increase was noted in rapes, murders and assaults, as per the findings.

"This is a [relationship](#) we observe across time and across all major continents around the world. The relationship we find between these climate variables and conflict outcomes are often very large", in the words of Marshall Burke.

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