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LASTING ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

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Pollution of the air, land and water in peacetime

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(explosions, landmines, unexploded remnants, chemical weapons, burning oil wells and oil spills, etc.)

Land use

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