



UN Weather Official: Ukraine War a “Blessing” for Climate

The head of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), Petteri Taalas, commented this week that the Ukraine war “may be seen as a blessing” as far as climate change is concerned. According to Taalas, the crippling energy shortage that threatens millions of Europeans this coming winter will cause nations to more quickly turn to “renewable energies” such as solar, wind, and hydrothermal.

“From the five- to 10-year timescale, it’s clear that this war in Ukraine will speed up our consumption of fossil energy, and it’s speeding up this green transition,” Taalas said recently. “So we are going to invest much more in renewable energy, energy-saving solutions.”

“So from [a] climate perspective, the war in Ukraine may be seen as a blessing,” he concluded.

Forget about the obvious implications of Taalas’ statement — you know, that people are *killed* and lives are destroyed in wars. The WMO’s chief apparently believes that the prospect of Europeans freezing to death due to the energy crisis that the world — especially Europe — now faces could be good for the climate in the long run.

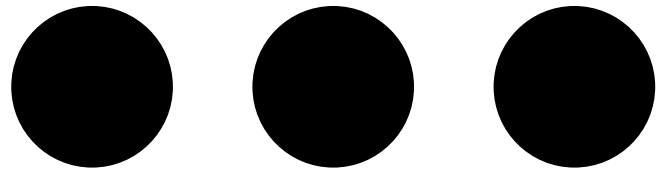
Climate Depot’s Marc Morano points out that Taalas’ statement essentially makes Vladimir Putin a climate-change hero.

“So the head of the UN’s World Meteorological Org. said the quiet part out loud — that he believes Russia’s invasion of Ukraine is helping save the Planet! Putin is the UN’s new Climate Hero,” Morano pointed out. “Will Vladimir Putin now get a Nobel Peace Prize like Al Gore did in 2007 in service of the climate? The UN joins many other climate campaigners in cheering on the chaos, calamity, and hardship that wars, shortages, and disruption cause the world.”

Taalas made his remarks while promoting the WMO’s most recent “State of Climate Services” [report](#). The report is full of typical UN climate scare tactics and warnings about “more frequent or intense extreme weather, water and climate events.”

It’s also full of UN talking points about “sustainability,” Agenda 2030, and the Paris climate agreement. “Energy is at the very heart of our response to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement on climate change,” Taalas said in the new report.

“The energy sector is the source of around three-quarters of global greenhouse gas emissions,” he claimed. “Switching to clean forms of energy generation, such as solar, wind and hydropower — and improving energy efficiency — is vital if we are to thrive in the twenty-first century. Net zero by 2050 is



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the aim. But we will only get there if we double the supply of low-emissions electricity within the next eight years.”

So, the Ukraine war is a net “good,” at least as far as the climatistas are concerned. While admitting that the war and the associated energy crisis was a “shock for the European energy sector,” even leading some nations — notably [Germany](#) — to return to fossil fuels such as the much-vilified coal for the short term, Taalas pointed out it may spur a quicker transition to unreliable sources of energy.

“Time is not on our side and our climate is changing before our eyes. Sustainable energy security and reaching net zero by 2050 will mean a complete transformation of the global energy system,” Taalas said.

The religion of climate change has never been shy about putting the alleged “good of the planet” over the people who live on it. Whether it was Barack Obama saying in 2008, “under my plan of a cap and trade system, electricity rates would necessarily skyrocket,” or Taalas’ heartless and soulless comment about the Ukraine war being a “blessing,” it’s clear that the climate cultists care far more about their end goals (net zero by 2050) than they do about the people that those goals affect.



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