

Geopolitical uncertainties arising from environmental change

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Four areas of geopolitical uncertainty



1.

Climate change impacts
will very likely cause
operational disruption
to infrastructure,
supply chains and
military readiness

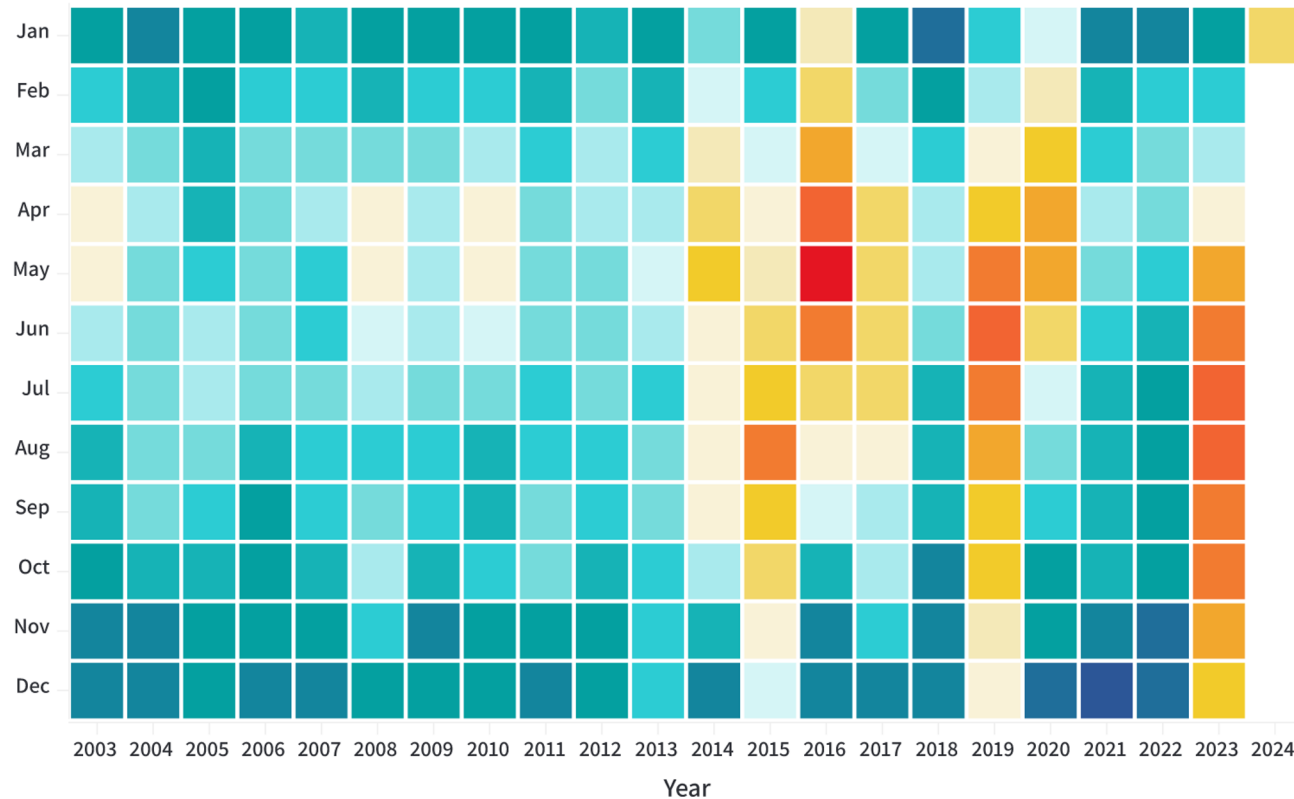


Panama Canal traffic jams to continue due to drought

Lake Gatun water levels

23.5 metres  27.5 metres

Month

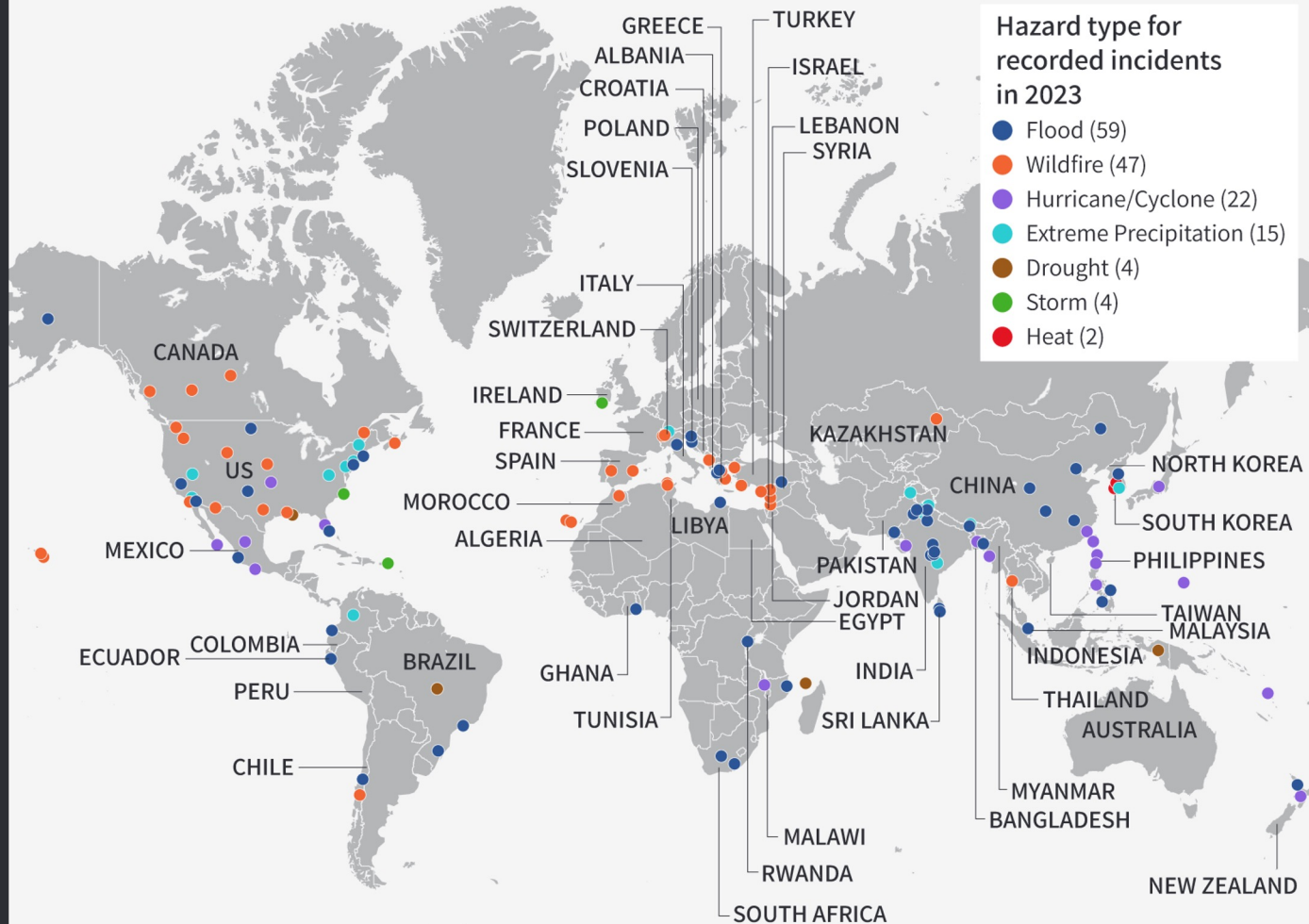


Effective until 4 January 2024

Source: Autoridad del Canal de Panama

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Military responses to climate hazards divert attention from normal defence activities

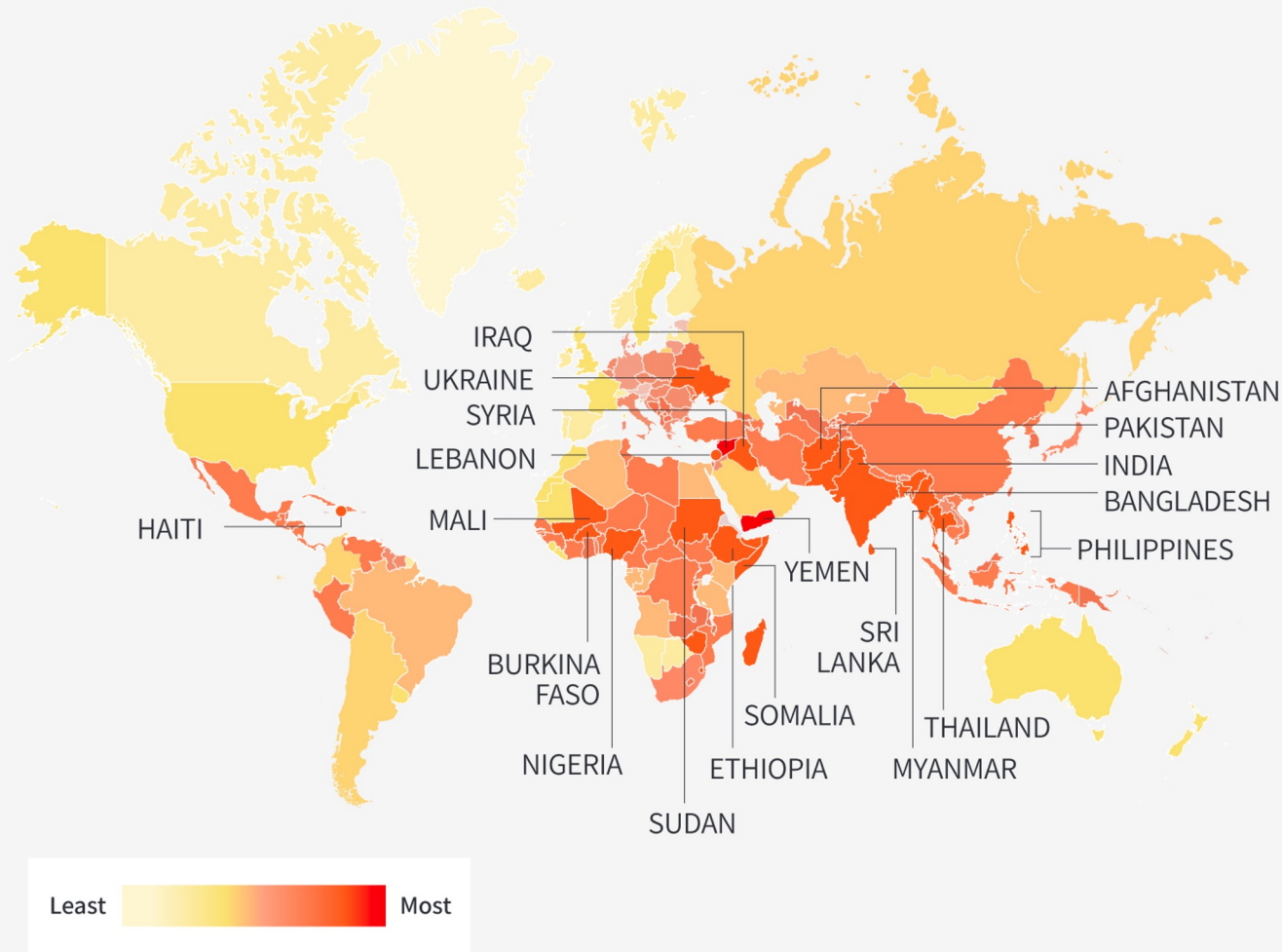


2.

Climate change's cascading impacts are almost certain to amplify conflict and instability risks within countries



Climate insecurity hotspots to watch in 2024





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3.

The effects of climate change
are also very likely to
exacerbate competition
between states

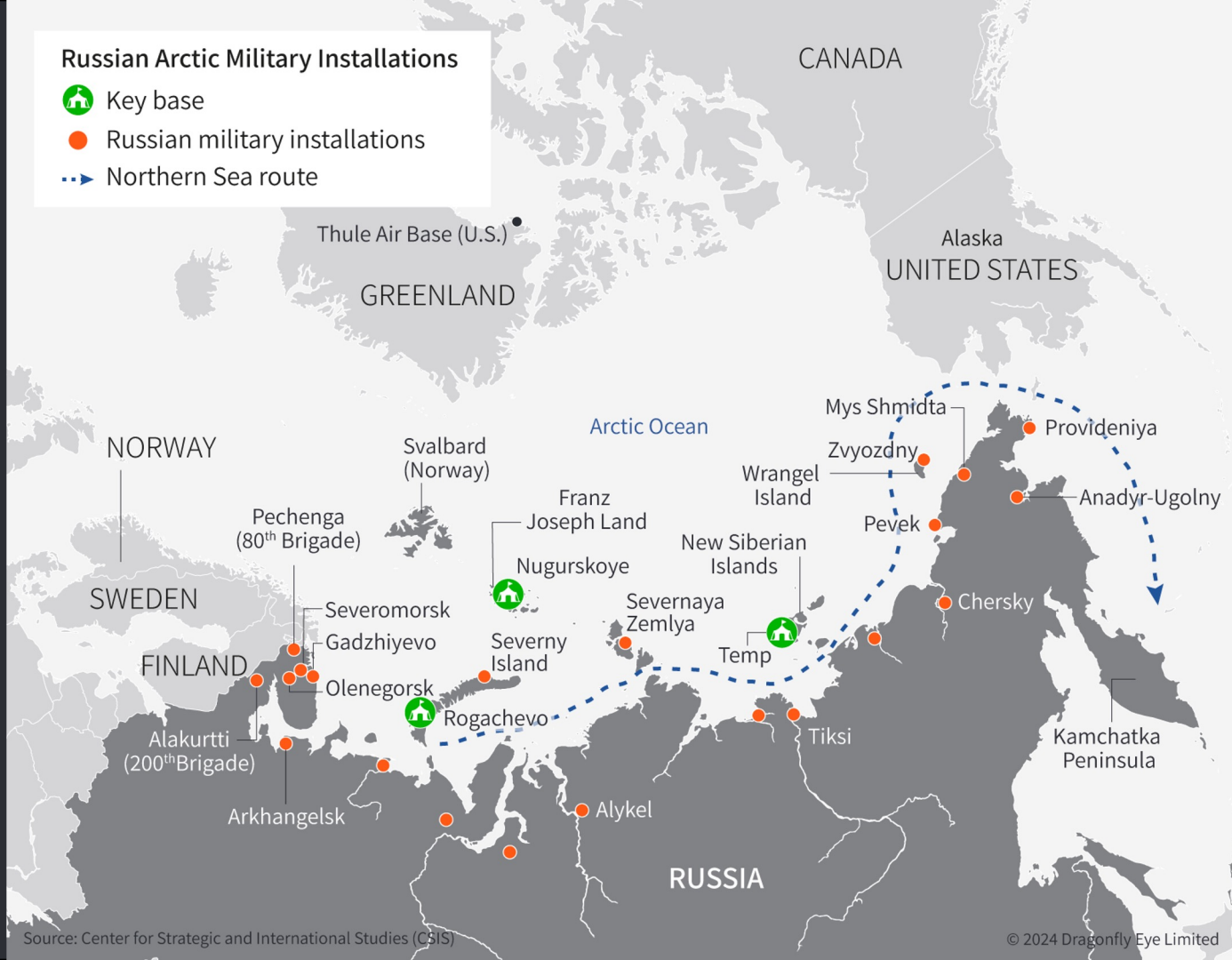
Key base



Russian military installations



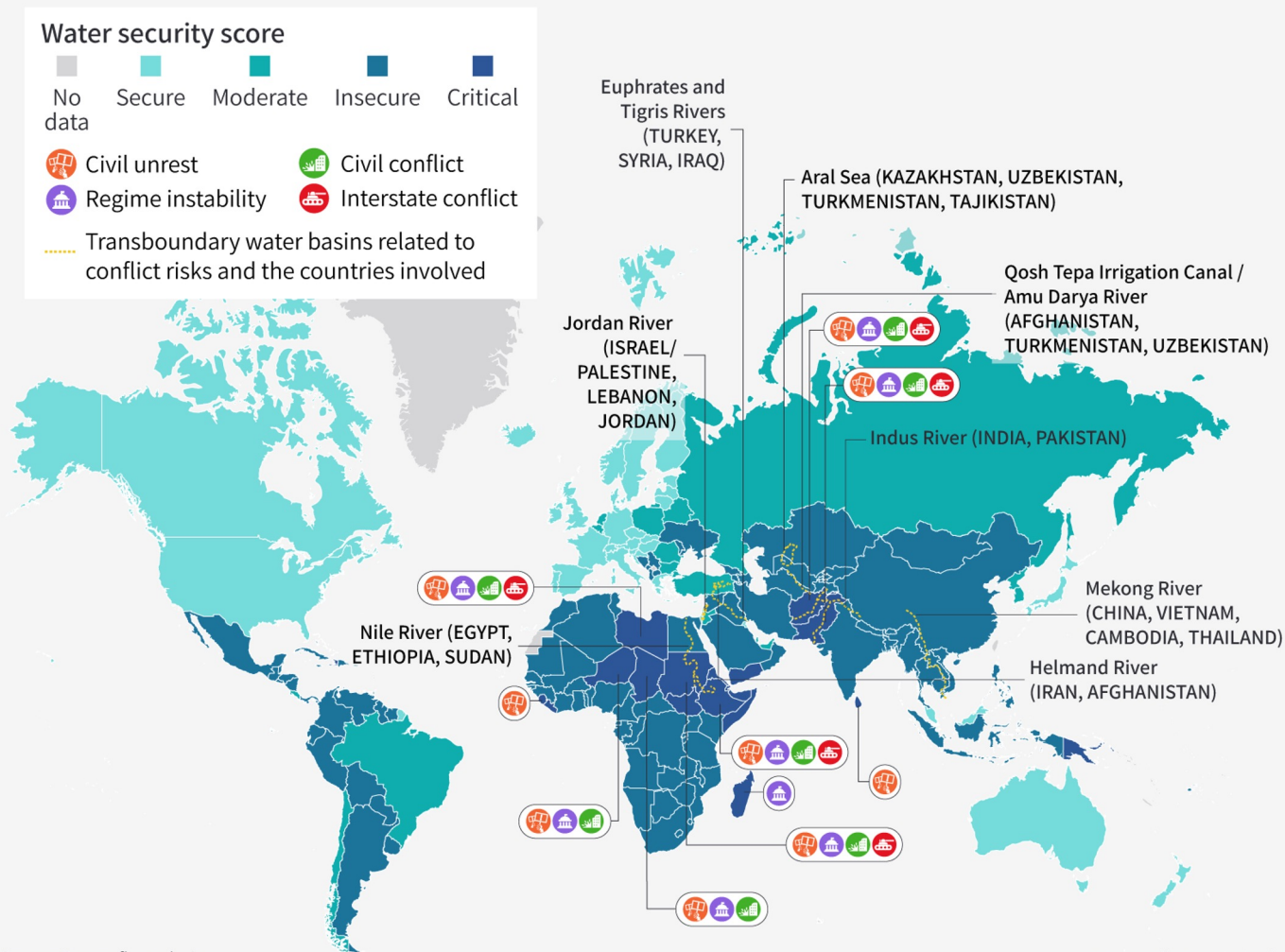
Northern Sea route



Source: Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS)

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Disputes over transboundary water resources are likely to be a key instability flashpoint



4.

Climate change
responses risk fueling
geopolitical uncertainty



Efforts to adapt
to and mitigate
climate risks
will shape
geopolitics



Demand for clean
energy increases
competition



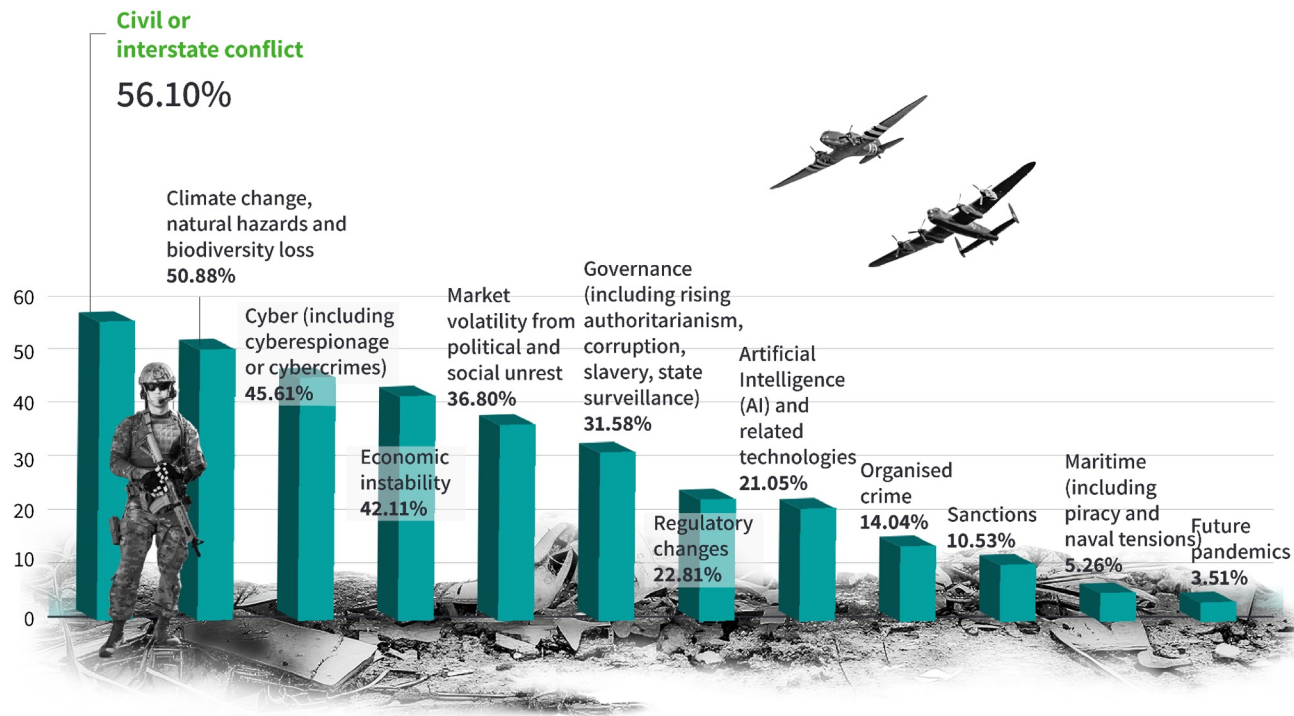
Diverging views on
more extreme
responses



Gap between
climate action and
ambition

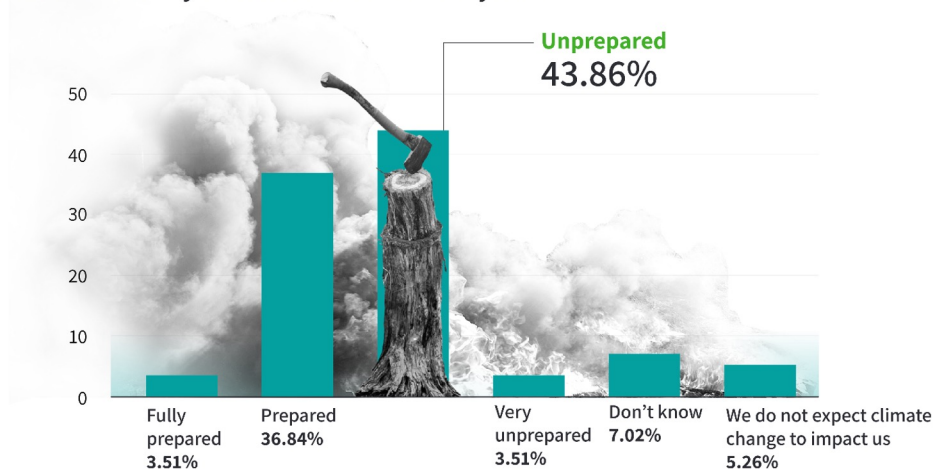
Climate change
is recognised
as posing a
major risk

Which of the following risks will have the worst impact on your sector over the next five years?

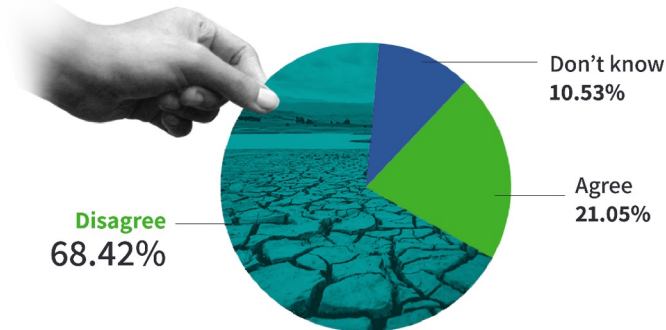


Yet most
organisations
feel they are
not ready

In your view, **how prepared** is your organisation to cope with the effects of climate change, natural hazards and biodiversity loss over the next five years?



Do you agree with the following statement: ‘**the security implications of climate change are widely understood** within my organisation and are routinely accounted for within **strategic decision-making**’?



Thank you.

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