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Iran is just another war



Nato Secr.-Gen. Mark Rutte, a strong supporter of Donald Trump's war against Iran, suggested on CBS News on Sun. that Nato countries would eventually "[come together](#)" to heed Trump's call to deploy naval assets to the Strait of Hormuz. The good news, he said, is that since Thur., 22 countries - most of them Nato, but also Japan, Korea, Australia, New Zealand, Bahrain, the UAE - have come together to basically answer the three questions of what we need, when we need it and where we need it. He didn't mention it, but most of these countries are also key members of the [Ukraine Defense Contact Group](#), which has committed to helping in the fight against Russia for [as long as it takes](#). Most are also [Annex I parties](#) to the U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change, which means they are [obligated to take the lead](#) on the climate issue. Most also happen to be among the countries that have accumulated more combined debt than at any other time in history. So if some members of the "civilized world" are [hesitating](#) to get involved in Trump's new war, it's a little late. They're already so over-extended that one more commitment wouldn't make much difference.

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