

Cool Down, Folks

JunkScience.com tries to cool down the global-warming debate by explaining why **global warming is not a weapon of mass destruction**. A prominent British scientist recently **claimed** that it was, citing as evidence the 1500 Indians who died in a 120° pre-monsoon heat wave and comparing them with the victims of 9/11. JunkScience concludes:

As to India's killer heat wave, it sounds like the Indians need more economic development so that they can afford better living conditions and better medical care.

In contrast to India, temperatures hit 127 degrees in Palm Springs, Calif., this year with no reported heat-related deaths. You figure out what the difference is.

If there is a "weapon of mass destruction" associated with global warming, it's the global warmers themselves. Their preferred policy of energy regulation and restriction would reduce economic progress and development, especially in the third world.

Since "wealth is health," it's easy to see who and what the real threat is.

Yes indeed. Meanwhile Samizdata **quotes** the newsletter of the 1st Battalion The Queen's Lancashire Regiment to tell us just how hot it is in Basra. Ironic, isn't it, that these admirable and competent professionals, who helped save the world from a real WMD threat, have to suffer in the heat while eminent professors sip lemonade in cool offices in England exploiting the issue to promote their favourite fad.

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