



## ORG Newsletter May 2017

### Paul Rogers' Monthly Briefing



#### Manchester, the General Election and Britain's Security Narrative

The appalling attack on concert-goers in Manchester will be the defining news event of the 2017 general election campaign. Yet polls suggest that the attack has not shifted popular opinion in the predictable direction of a "strong" incumbent government characterised by muscular counter-terrorism interventions at home and abroad. After sixteen years of "war on terror" a clear difference has emerged between the leadership of the two main parties on the consequences of this open-ended war. Whoever wins the election, the longer term opening up of space for discussion on Britain's security narrative can only be good for British democracy and wider security. [Read more >>](#)

### ORG News & Publications



#### UN Peacekeeping and the 2017 Election

Ahead of the UK general election, Richard Reeve examines the approaches of the main political parties to UN peacekeeping. While it seems unlikely that any decisive bloc of British voters will be swayed in their vote on 8 June by the competing parties' pledges on UN peacekeeping, a survey of the various party manifestoes reveals a resurgence of commitment to such operations and several potentially big ideas to influence future UK involvement. [Read more >>](#)



#### ORG Evidence on UK Policy Towards the Middle East Peace Process

ORG recently submitted evidence to a House of Commons Foreign Affairs Committee inquiry into UK policy towards the Middle East Peace Process. This was published on 26 April 2017. ORG drew on its Middle East Programme's extensive experience facilitating collective strategic thinking groups among the three major parties to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict – Jewish Israelis, Palestinians in the occupied territories, and Palestinian citizens of Israel – to promote fresh thinking on the methodologies used for conflict resolution in the region. [Read more >>](#)



#### New Sustainable Security Articles

The Sustainable Security [blog](#) has published a wide range of articles exploring various global security issues in the past month including:

- [The use of the internet by jihadis](#)
- [The legacy of Plan Colombia](#)
- [Resilience and environmental security in peacebuilding](#)
- [Cultural heritage preservation and peacekeeping](#)
- [Russia's policy towards China in the Arctic](#)
- [The role of women in Islamic State](#)



#### Paul Rogers Appears on BBC Radio Scotland

ORG's Global Security Consultant, Professor Paul Rogers, appeared on the Long Interview hosted by Bill Whiteford. Paul speaks at length about his life's work, global challenges and the importance of a sustainable security approach. [Listen to the interview >>](#)



#### Internship, Sustainable Security Index (part-time)

ORG's Sustainable Security Programme is seeking a part-time paid intern for the period from July to September (3 days/week), with continued part-time engagement to November 2017. The intern will work on our new Sustainable Security Index project, focusing on data collection and presentation and will therefore require a good knowledge of statistical analysis and data presentation.

## Remote Control Project News & Publications



### **Upcoming Report: Covert British Operations in Libya: Perceptions and Impact**

This report by Alison Pargeter will elicit Libyan views on covert British operations in Libya and will analyse the possible effects of such operations on Libya's longer-term stability.



### **Upcoming Briefing: Less is not more for Afghanistan**

This briefing by Emily Knowles, Remote Control project Director, will explore the impact of the drawdown on stability in Afghanistan, based on primary research interviews conducted in Kabul in March 2017.

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