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Forging A New Path: Prioritising the Protection of Civilians in the UK's Response to Conflict

This report by ORG's Policy Manager Liam Walpole and Megan Karlshøj-Pedersen, Research and Policy Officer, examines the serious challenges remote warfare poses to the protection of civilians. Focusing on the UK, the report discusses how these problems can be resolved. The authors encourage the UK government to update its Protection of Civilians Strategy, mitigate harm from security programmes and increase oversight over the UK's Special Forces.

Read the report

Paul Rogers' Monthly Briefing



COVID-19: Not Out of the Woods Yet

This briefing analyses the recent global trends of the spread of COVID-19. It argues that there is still much to learn about the virus and its behaviour, but it seems probable that we are still in the early stages of the global pandemic and the worst impacts of the outbreak may be yet to come.

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WarPod Ep #18 | The UN and the Rise of Counter-Terrorism

Independent researcher Ali Altiok and Saferworld's
Jordan Street join the podcast to discuss the emergence
of counter-terrorism as the fourth pillar of the United
Nations and the risks this development poses to global
peace and stability.

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WarPod Ep #17 | Remote Warfare and Private Military and Security Contractors

In this episode Dr Christopher Kinsey and Helene Olsen from King's College London discuss private military and security contractors and their role in remote warfare.

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Questions for the Integrated Review #2: How to Engage: Deep and Narrow or Wide and Shallow?

Ahead of the Integrated Review, this briefing by Abigail Watson, ORG's Research Manager, argues the UK should adopt a value-based strategy in response to near-peer threats, such as Russia and China.

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ORG'S Research on UK Remote Warfare in Africa Cited in House of Lords Report

The House of Lord's report entitled, 'UK and Sub-Saharan Africa: prosperity, peace and development co-operation' was recently published and drew heavily on ORG's report, Fusion Doctrine in Five Steps: Lessons Learned from Remote Warfare in Africa.

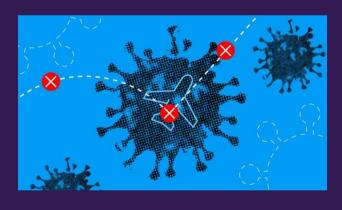
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Influence or Strategy: Lessons from Iraq Ahead of Mali

Abigail Watson recently co-authored a piece with Delina Goxho, an independent consultant with OSEP, and Ewan Lawson, an ORG Fellow, for the Wavell Room. The article discusses how the Iraq War carries important lessons for the UK as it prepares to deploy its troops to Mali, particularly when it comes to prioritising influence above a strategy.

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Sustainable Security: Defining, Measuring and Building Security after Covid-19

Originally written for Rethinking Security, this article by Abigail Watson and Alasdair McKay, ORG's Senior Editor, makes the case for sustainable security. This innovate approach calls for a broader understanding of security threats.

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