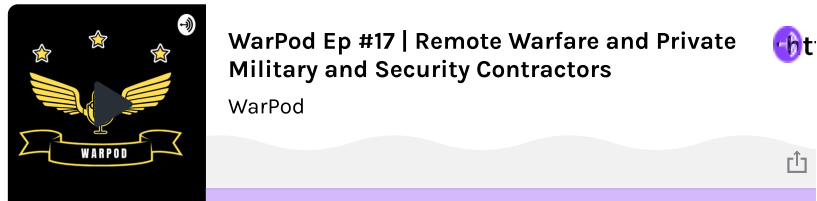




WarPod Ep #17 | Remote Warfare and Private Military and Security Contractors

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