



## ORG Newsletter June 2017

### Paul Rogers' Monthly Briefing



#### After Mosul: Islamic State's Asian and African Future

After three years and over 22,000 air strikes, the Levantine 'Caliphate' manifestation of the Islamic State seems destined for destruction in 2017. Yet the revolt of radicalised Sunni Arabs is unlikely to abate in Iraq or Syria, with the battlefield shifting to localised guerrilla insurgency, increasing attacks within western states, and the opening of new fronts in the global margins, not least Asia and Africa. Such revolutions of frustrated expectations will be a major part of the geopolitical landscape for decades to come.

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### ORG News & Publications



#### Towards a New Consensus on National Security

As the UK commences negotiations on leaving the EU, juggles challenges to its own union, confronts a new wave of DIY terrorist attacks, and launches Europe's largest ever warship, the need for a "strategic" National Security Strategy has never been greater, argue Richard Reeve and Oliver Scanlan. But, in this uncertain climate, there is a high risk that UK policy will continue its reliance on military responses. This attitude goes against an untested consensus emerging among people and parties that security and defence policy can and should move Britain in new directions. [Read more >>](#)



#### Obituary: Lady Anne Piper

It is with sadness that we report that Lady Anne Piper, a long-time and greatly-valued friend of Oxford Research Group, died on 18 May at the age of 96.

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#### 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:

- [How effective are targeted killings?](#)
- [The enigma of the Allied Democratic Forces](#)
- [The role of the internet in "new" civil wars](#)
- [Foreign aid and counterterrorism](#)
- [The regulation of PMSCs in the UK](#)
- [Strategies to prevent online radicalisation](#)

### 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 British operations in Libya and will analyse the possible effects of such operations on Libya's longer-term stability. Through interviews with a diverse section of Libyan society, the research paints a detailed picture of how British military intervention, both covert and overt, is perceived by Libyans.



#### 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.



## **Upcoming Interview: Mark Moyar talks US Special Operations Forces**

Dr. Mark Moyar talks to Remote Control about US Special Operations Forces. The interview covers several topics, including the origins and history of the group, the evolution and expansion of their use under various presidents and what the future may hold for the US' most elite soldiers.

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