### **Newsletter March 2019**

#### **Featured Publication**



#### Improving the UK offer in Africa: Lessons from military partnerships on the continent

Based on field research conducted in Africa with British and international military personnel, this brief by the Remote Warfare Programme's Abigail Watson and Emily Knowles focusses on the military contribution to UK efforts to build partner countries' capacities in Kenya, Mali and Nigeria.

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### **Paul Rogers' Monthly Briefing**



#### After Baghouz: A Jihadi Archipelago

March saw the eradication of the last scrap of the Islamic State movement's Caliphate in Syria and Iraq after a five-year struggle. It did not witness the destruction of the movement, which new data shows remains highly active in Iraq, Syria and two dozen other countries. This briefing, co-authored with Richard Reeve, assesses the evolution of IS in Iraq and Syria and its re-emergence in Africa and Asia.

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## **News and Publications**



### <u>Event Podcast - Conceptualising Remote</u> <u>Warfare</u>

The Remote Warfare Programme held a two day conference (28 February to 1 March) entitled 'Conceptualising Remote Warfare: The Past, Present and Future'. Sponsored by the British International Studies Association, the conference brought together a wide range of experts to explore the many aspects of remote warfare. Sir Hew Strachan gave the keynote speech.

<u>Listen to recordings of the event >></u>



The US Congress understands the importance of Special Forces oversight, why doesn't the UK Parliament?

In an article originally wriitten for the Democratic Audit,
Liam Walpole, the Remote Warfare Programme's Senior
Advocacy Officer, argues it is time for the UK government
to abandon its outdated attitude and allow for the
democratic oversight of special forces in Parliament.

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ORG Roundtable on Local Peacebuilding in Yemen

Oxford Research Group's Strategic Peacebuilding
Programme and Sana'a Center for Strategic Studies held
a one-day roundtable discussion on 19 March entitled
'Local Peacebuilding in Yemen: Opportunities and
Challenges' at Chatham House in London.

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## PSG Workshop in Jordan

Oliver Ramsbotham and Tony Klug, on behalf of Oxford Research Group, recently participated in the workshop of the Palestinian Strategy Group, hosted and organised by ORG's partner Pal-Think for Strategic Studies in Jordan.

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#### RWP Submits Evidence on Britain's Role in **Authorising the Use of Force**

Oxford Research Group's Remote Warfare Programme submitted evidence to the Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee's inquiry, looking at the British Parliament's role in authorising the use of military force.

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#### Emily Knowles appears on the War Room **Podcast**

Emily Knowles appeared on the US Army War College's podcast to discuss the implications of NATO members' ongoing shift away from large-scale coalition operations to smaller-scale operations that rely primarily on local forces, militias, or other groups supported by Western resources, training, and small numbers of personnel.

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### Job Opportunity Consultant: Climate Security

ORG is looking for an expert on climate change and security issues to lead on implementation of a new project on integrating climate change analysis into UK national security planning processes. Expressions of interest are sought by noon on 4 April.

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#### Job Opportunity: Fundraising & **Communications Manager**

ORG will shortly be recruiting for an exciting new position leading our fundraising and communications work. Please check our Jobs page for more details soon.



### The Military Intervention in Mali and Beyond: An Interview with Bruno Charbonneau

Distinguished scholar and Sahel specialist Bruno Charbonneau critically examines the 2013 French military intervention in Mali and the peacekeeping initiative which followed.

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## ORG Blog

This month on the blog:

- Fear-filled Apocalypses: The Far-right's Use of Conspiracy Theories
- Populism and Social Media: A Global Perspective • Saving the Stateless: Myanmar, the Rohingya and







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