



## ORG Newsletter January 2016

### Paul Rogers' Monthly Briefing



#### 2016: Into the Storm

Paul Roger's monthly briefing looks at the threats to international security, the world economy and the environment in 2016. With the the intensification of the war in Syria in late 2015, the associated increase in Islamic State-linked attacks on western and Russian targets, the increasing western appetite for renewed intervention in Libya, and the recent collapse in Saudi-Iranian relations 2016 will be another year of crisis. [Read more.](#)

### ORG News & Publications



#### SDSR 2015: Continuity, Control and Crisis in UK Defence Policy

In this first of two ORG briefings, Tim Street reviews the UK government's security priorities and policies as set out in the November 2015 Strategic Defence and Security Review (SDSR). It explores some of the key structures defining current and historic UK security policy, considering areas of continuity and change including strategic dependence on the US, maritime security, growing energy insecurity and the commitment to further militarising the Middle East. [Read more.](#)



#### ORG and RCSS Release Arabic Conflict Resolution Journal

The Oxford Research Group (ORG) has published an Arabic language journal on conflict resolution in cooperation with the Regional Center for Strategic Studies (RCSS) in Cairo. The journal includes several research articles written by experts from the region on the transformations in domestic conflicts after the Arab Spring. It contains detailed studies on several Middle East conflicts such as Libya, Syria and Yemen. [Read more.](#)



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### Remote Control Project News & Publications



#### Remote Control project report: Hostile drones

A new report, commissioned by the Remote Control project, has found that as ever-more advanced drones are available to the civilian market there is an increased risk of drones being used by non-state actors against British targets. As approximately 200,000 civilian-use drones are being sold worldwide every month, the legislation currently governing the civilian use of drones is struggling to keep up with the speed at which new drones are being developed and put to novel uses. [Read more.](#)



#### New Job: Project Manager – Remote Control project

This represents an exciting opportunity for a skilled professional with proven leadership skills to drive the project forward towards achieving our aims of security policies that are transparent, accountable and effective in the long-term. [Read more.](#)

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