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A Call for Dialogue: The Dangers of Polarisation in the Special Forces Debate

Drawing upon extensive research by ORG, this piece by Abigail Watson, ORG's Research Manager, and Megan Karlshoej-Pedersen, the Research and Policy Officer, calls for a healthier level of debate on the issue of UK Special Forces oversight.

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Paul Rogers' Monthly Briefing

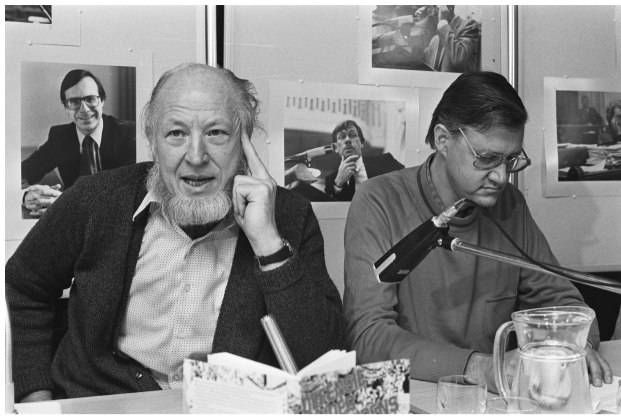


COVID-19 and the Lessons from History

COVID-19 will be a long-term challenge. It may not be under control globally until 2022 and, even then, what follows is unlikely to be a return to anything approaching "normal" life. This briefing examines the current state of the outbreak, puts it in the context of the past century's worst pandemics and illustrates the lessons that can be learnt from these episodes.

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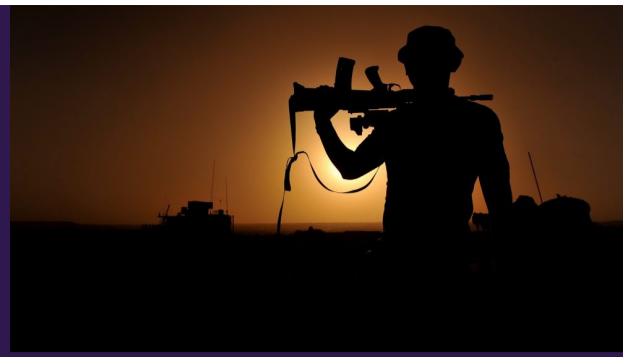
News and Publications



Obituary: Professor Frank Barnaby.

It is with great sadness to report that a long-time and greatly valued friend of Oxford Research Group, Professor Frank Barnaby, died on 1 August at the age of 92.

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Overseeing the UK's Special Forces

Originally written for International Review, this article by Megan Karlshøj-Pedersen argues that if Britain is to be a "force for good", there must be oversight of the UK's Special Forces.

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Evidence submitted by ORG to the House of Commons Defence Committee's Inquiry on the Integrated Review has been included in their final report, entitled 'In Search of Strategy – The 2020 Integrated Review'.

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