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# ORG Newsletter September 2015

# **Paul Rogers' Monthly Briefing**



## The UK's Creeping Intervention in Syria

Paul Rogers' latest briefing summarises Britain's recent involvement in the war against Islamic State (IS) in the context of the progress of the movement and questions whether a commitment to continuing and extending air and drone strikes is the most appropriate and useful response that the UK can make to the crisis. <u>Read more.</u>

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## We Need to Talk About NATO

This briefing poses some questions about the UK's existing security alignments, particularly the role of NATO, and considers how these might be brought back into public discourse in the context of intra-Labour Party and national policy debates during the current parliament. It finds that the character of NATO and European-US relations is already in flux and a more public discussion of the alliance is overdue. <u>Read more.</u>



#### ORG in the Media

ORG's August publications received significant attention in the media. Following publication of his briefing, <u>Islamic State and Revolts from the Margins</u>, Professor Paul Rogers was invited onto one of Ireland's most popular morning radio programmes, RTÉ's Morning Ireland, to discuss Islamic State's burgeoning strength and the organisation's growth relative to al-Qaeda. Listen to Paul's interview <u>here</u>.



## **ORG Partners with Medact on Health Through Peace Forum**

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## **Remote Control Project News & Publications**



#### Remote Control Project workshop on 'Cost-Free' Warfare

The Remote Control Project, in collaboration with the University of St Andrews and the University of Hull, held an <u>interdisciplinary workshop</u> at the University of St Andrews in Scotland on 10th- 11th September. The two day event looked to challenge the contemporary Western narrative of 'cost-free' warfare, in particular the use of drones and special forces, by focusing on narratives and ideas of those on the receiving end of Western wars. The workshop was made up of academics, journalists and former army officers. An overview of the workshop will follow shortly.

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