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Featured Publication



Remote Warfare: Lessons Learned from Contemporary Theatres

This report by the Remote Warfare Programme's Emily Knowles and Abigail Watson is an attempt to identify some of the factors that have helped or hindered the UK's current approach to remote warfare. It is aimed at military decision-makers and speaks to skills, training, and doctrinal gaps in the British armed forces. [Read more >>](#)

Paul Rogers' Monthly Briefing



The Kim/Trump Summit and Implications for Iran

The 12 June US/North Korea Summit in Singapore has evoked mixed reactions but an early result was a palpable reduction in tension in North East Asia. Whether this will last will depend more on Trump than Kim, but it does not significantly diminish the risk of a separate US/Israeli confrontation with Iran. This briefing examines that risk in the wake of the Singapore meeting. [Read more >>](#)

ORG News and Publications



We Have Relunched Our Website

ORG has redesigned its main site and merged its other programme sites into one modern site. The redesign was done with Raising IT and funded by the Transform Foundation. The website is maintained thanks to the generous financial support of the William A. Cadbury Charitable Trust.

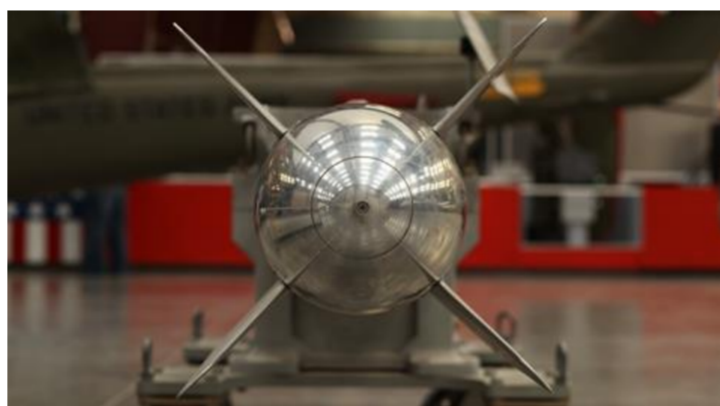
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A Tale of Two Puzzles: Accounting for Military and Climate Change Expenditures

This research paper by Oliver Scanlan, ORG's Climate Security Fellow, examines the discrepancies between the UK and 27 other government's military expenditures and their direct outlays on climate change mitigation and adaptation, both at home and abroad.

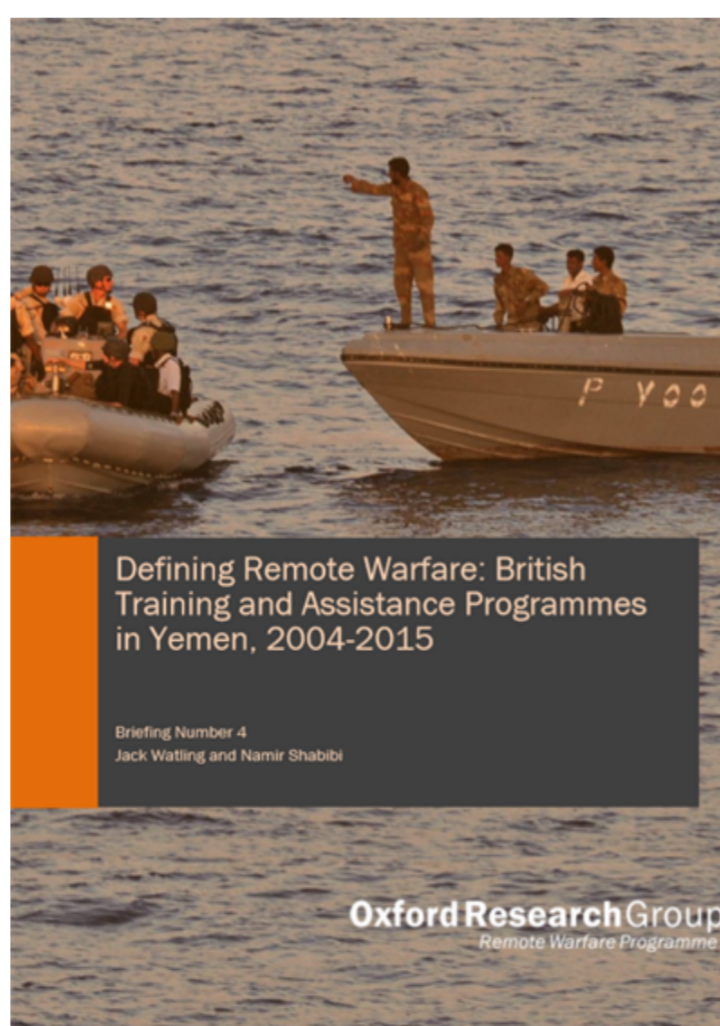
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ORG Explains #5: NATO Nuclear Sharing

This primer by Tim Street, ORG's Nuclear Security Fellow, explains the role US-owned B61 tactical nuclear weapons play in Europe as part of NATO's nuclear sharing arrangements. It considers these weapons in terms of their economic, political, diplomatic and security significance, including internal NATO dynamics, US-Russia relations and international arms control, non-proliferation and disarmament regimes.

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Defining Remote Warfare: British Training and Assistance Programmes in Yemen, 2004-2015

Between 2004-2015 Britain engaged in capacity building operations across Yemen's police, military, and intelligence agencies. This briefing by Jack Watling and Namir Shabibi seeks to provide a critical review of these efforts, their successes, and the causes of their ultimate failure, in order to identify lessons for future training and assistance missions. [Read more >>](#)



Sustainable Security Index Previews

The Sustainable Security Programme's Richard Reeve and Oscar Larsson released two tasters from the forthcoming Sustainable Security Index:

- To mark World Environment Day, a research note of data on the climate change impact of the Index's 170 countries. [Read more >>](#)
- On World Refugee Day, a research note pulling together data on refugees, migrants and labour conditions for the 170 countries. [Read more >>](#)



ORG Blog Relaunch and New Blog Series

As part of our website relaunch, we have revamped the Sustainable Security blog into an Oxford Research Group blog. As part of a new five part series on the Modernising Defence Programme, the Remote Warfare Programme's Liam Walpole and Megan Karlshoej-Pedersen have written the following posts:

- [The True Cost of Special Forces?](#)
- [The True Cost of Defence Engagement](#)
- [Remote Warfare: Cost-Effective War-fighting?](#)



New Project: Reshaping the Yemen Peace Process

ORG's [Strategic Peacebuilding Programme](#) and the [Sana'a Center for Strategic Studies](#) have initiated work to strengthen local capacity for more inclusive and strategic dialogue in two of Yemen's key regions, Marib and Hadhramout. This aims to lay the foundations for more effective peacebuilding efforts and to contribute to the country's future political transition. [Read more >>](#)



ORG at Rethinking Security National Conference

Oxford Research Group experts contributed to the Rethinking Security National Conference at Friends House in London on 15 June. [Read more >>](#)



Emily Knowles at APPG Event

Emily Knowles, Remote Warfare Programme Director, recently joined a distinguished panel at a parliamentary event co-hosted by the all party parliamentary groups (APPGs) on drones, extraordinary rendition, human rights and the rule of law. [Read more >>](#)



Jobs at ORG

ORG is growing and we will be recruiting for two new staff in July. We will be looking for a **Senior Development Officer/Development Manager** to lead our organisational fundraising on a 3 or 4 days/week basis. We are also still looking for a **Project Manager** to lead our peacebuilding work in Palestine and Israel. Please see our [Jobs page](#) for more details on both roles next week.

ORG Senior Fellow Gabrielle Rifkind is also seeking a new **Personal Assistant**. Note that this is *not* an ORG position.

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