



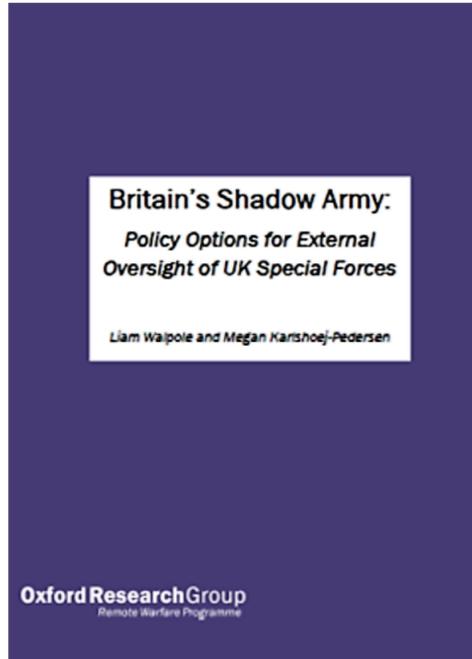
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## Featured Publication



### [Britain's Shadow Army: Policy Options for External Oversight of UK Special Forces](#)

This report by the Remote Warfare Programme's Liam Walpole and Megan Karlshøj-Pedersen makes the case for introducing some form of external oversight of UK Special Forces and examines its allies' experiences of legislative scrutiny. The report then outlines different models of parliamentary committee oversight that might be appropriate policy options for the UK.

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## Paul Rogers' Monthly Briefing



### [The Syria Attack: Motives and Consequences](#)

The 14 April missile strike by the United States, France and the UK on three Syrian military facilities aimed to enforce a red line on use of chemical weapons. But it breached international law and was accompanied by a coordinated political message that the Western allies had no wider intention to oppose the Assad regime or its Russian and Iranian allies in Syria. This briefing looks at the key issues and the reaction of the main actors in the current complex civil war.

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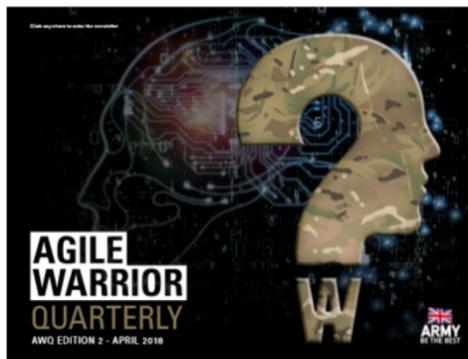
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### [Remote Warfare Programme Event on UK Special Forces Oversight](#)

On Tuesday 24 April, 2018, at One Great George Street, ORG's Remote Warfare Programme hosted a panel discussion between Sir Malcolm Rifkind and Crispin Blunt MP, on the programme's report on Special Forces oversight. The event received coverage from *The Guardian*.

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### [Remote Warfare Programme in Agile Warrior Quarterly](#)

Emily Knowles and Abigail Watson have contributed an article to Agile Warrior Quarterly, the British Army's publication examining current and emerging threats to international security. Drawing upon the examples of Afghanistan, Iraq and Somalia, the article examines the effectiveness of remote warfare in countering insurgent groups. [Read more>>](#)



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