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In a two-part podcast series, Abigail Watson, Research Manager at ORG's Remote Warfare Programme (RWP), talks to experts about the international and regional dynamics of security in the Sahel.

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Liam Walpole and Megan Karlshøj-Pedersen provide a round-up of the latest defence and security developments in UK politics. This month the two examine the implications of the recent UK Election result for defence and security policy and what future British engagement with Africa could look like.

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### **Megan Karlshøj-Pedersen Presents at Conference in Paris on Modern Warfare**

From 27-28 January 2020, Megan Karlshøj-Pedersen, ORG's Research and Policy Officer at the Remote Warfare Programme, spoke at an event hosted by the Université Panthéon-Assas (Paris II). The event focused on the ethical, legal and strategic consequences of the changing character of warfare. Megan joined an expert panel to discuss her research on remote warfare in Africa.

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### **Paul Rogers Discusses Iran on CBC's The Sunday Edition**

Paul Rogers, a Senior ORG Fellow, spoke to Michael Enright on Canadian Broadcast Corporation's The Sunday Edition about the implications of the assassination of Soleimani.

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