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### Featured Publication



#### Security cooperation with Saudi Arabia: Is it worth it for the UK?

This report, commissioned by the Remote Warfare Programme and written by King's College London's Armida van Rij and Benedict Wilkinson, assesses the costs and benefits to the UK of its defence and security relationship with Saudi Arabia.  
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### Paul Rogers' Monthly Briefing



#### North Korea and The United States – Who is in Charge?

This briefing explores how further peaceful progress in North East Asia may depend on furthering President Trump's delusion that he is leading and winning with Pyongyang on the contested issue of denuclearisation.  
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### ORG News and Publications



### Event Podcast: Is Remote Warfare Working?

On September 17th 2018, the Remote Warfare Programme brought together a distinguished panel at Fyvie Hall to discuss the political, legal, and military implications of remote warfare. A podcast of the event is available online.

[Listen to the podcast >>](#)



### When is the UK at war?

This article for openDemocracy by the Remote Warfare Programme's Megan Karlshoej-Pedersen examines the absence of working definitions by the UK government of combat or non-combat missions and the problems yielded by this.

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### Global Britain and UK Foreign Policy in Yemen

In his piece for the British Foreign Policy Group, Liam Walpole, the Remote Warfare Programme's Senior Advocacy Officer, discusses the risks that current UK policy towards Saudi Arabia has for the government's 'Global Britain' agenda. [Read more >>](#)



### The UK Should Learn from the Transgressions of Australian Special Forces

Published in Small Wars Journal, this piece by Megan Karlshoej-Pedersen compares the responses by the UK and Australian governments to recent allegations of abuses by their special forces. While British defence officials have stymied investigations, their Australian counterparts have commissioned further research which may actually help prevent future transgressions.

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### The UK Government Needs to Learn that Secrecy is Not the Answer to Increased Litigation

Abigail Watson's article for Just Security argues that increasing litigation against the UK Ministry of Defence appears to have reduced the British government's willingness to publicly justify or explain operations abroad – potentially to the detriment of public trust and the government's own goal of reducing litigation against it. [Read more >>](#)



#### The UK's Military Presence East of Suez

The British Armed Forces have been bolstering their presence in the Gulf States and East Asia in recent years. As they prepare for major military exercises in Oman and the South China Sea in October, we publish updates of the Sustainable Security Programme's two recent primers on these deployments.

- [ORG Explains #1: The UK Military in the Asia-Pacific](#)
- [ORG Explains #2: The UK Military in the Arabian Peninsula](#)



#### ORG Submits Evidence to Inquiry on Global Islamist Terrorism

ORG's Remote Warfare Programme recently submitted evidence to the Defence Select Committee's inquiry into global Islamist terrorism. The submission covers evidence from three recent research reports on the legal, political and military implications of remote warfare and makes several recommendations. [Read more >>](#)



#### Abigail Watson at PS21 Event

Abigail Watson joined a panel at a PS21 event to discuss where the next major crisis threatening humanity might come from. [Read more >>](#)



#### Upcoming Event: Emily Knowles at War Talks

On October 8th 2018, the Remote Warfare Programme's Director Emily Knowles will discuss the recent report 'Remote Warfare: Lessons Learned from Contemporary Conflict' for War Talks at Aldershot Military Museum. This event is free and open to everyone. The museum opens from 6.30pm. The talk is from 7pm - 8pm.



#### Job Opportunity: Director, Strategic Peacebuilding Programme

ORG is seeking an experienced, Arabic-speaking project manager to lead the strategic direction, growth and diversification of the Strategic Peacebuilding Programme's projects and funding, managing projects in Palestine and Israel, and overseeing its work on Yemen. Apply by **6pm on Tuesday 2nd October**.

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#### ORG Blog

This month the blog has published articles on:

- [Local climate policy-making in the UK](#)
- [Climate refugees and international law](#)
- [The Niger Delta's oil wars](#)

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