

Ranger armoured vehicles rejected by MoD

The Ministry of Defence has said there is "no requirement" to buy an armoured vehicle purpose-built to withstand Taliban bombs that could save the lives of scores of British troops. The Telegraph

Murphy urged to save missile range

Jim Murphy, the Scottish Secretary, has been urged to intervene to save 125 jobs at a missile-testing range amid reports that it is to be downgraded. The Times

Chavez in \$2bn Russian arms deal

Russia has agreed to lend Venezuela over \$2bn (£1.2bn) to buy weapons, President Hugo Chavez has said. The credit will be used to purchase nearly 100 tanks and a series of anti-aircraft rocket systems from Russia.

BBC News

Finmeccanica contract win boosts shares

Italian aerospace and defence group Finmeccanica SpA's \$1.9 billion contract win in the U.S. pushed up its share price by more than 1 percent in an overall falling market.

Reuters

Russian military denies existence of new 'super-tank'

The Russian military has denied the existence of a new-generation main battle tank (MBT) based on T-80 design and featuring explosive reactive armor and a box-shaped turret.

RIA Novosti

Indian Navy talks to Northrop Grumman on Procurement of E-2D Hawkeye

According to India Defence Online, the U.S major Northrop Grumman has started talks with the Indian Navy for the E-2D Advanced Hawkeye.

Defpro

Veterans minister wants disabled ex-soldiers to quit Forces

Thousands of unfit and disabled Service personnel, including Afghanistan casualties, will be encouraged to leave the Armed Forces for civilian life under a planned efficiency drive.

The Times

MoD sacks advisers in row over disposing of old nuclear subs

An 11-year investigation into how to safely dismantle 15 decommissioned nuclear-powered submarines has been thrown into turmoil after two of the environmental experts brought in as advisers were sacked.

The Guardian