

**Carriers versus tanks: Royal Navy joins battle for resources**

The commitment to spend £20 billion on a replacement for Britain's Trident nuclear submarines risks damaging the Royal Navy as it faces possible cutbacks in its manpower and fleet, defence experts have told *The Times*.

*The Times*

**Pentagon chief fires head of F-35 aircraft programme**

US Defence Secretary Robert Gates has sacked the marine general overseeing a \$40bn (£25bn) project to build the next generation strike fighter jet.

BBC News

**Raytheon secures UAE defence contract**

The UAE has agreed to buy Maverick air-to-surface missiles from American defence contractor Raytheon. The \$170m contract will provide the production and life-cycle support for more than 500 of the AGM-65D/G2 infrared-guided missiles.

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**Obama seeks record \$708 billion in 2011 defense budget**

President Barack Obama asked Congress to approve a record \$708 billion in defense spending for fiscal 2011, but vowed to continue his drive to eliminate unnecessary, wasteful weapons programs.

Reuters

**US missile test of 'Iran or North Korea' attack fails**

A US missile defence test designed to shoot down long-range missiles was aborted when the radar system failed.

BBC News