

MOD guarantees 15 years' work for British shipbuilding

A fifteen year contract that will help sustain the UK's ship building and support industry has been signed between the MOD and BVT Surface Fleet Ltd. (BVT) Minister for Defence Equipment and Support, Quentin Davies, announced yesterday.

MoD Press Release

US Senate halts F-22 jet funding

The US Senate has voted to end funding for the F-22 fighter jet programme. The vote was welcomed by US President Barack Obama, who had made cutting the programme the centrepiece of his defence budget.

BBC News

IAM Trade Union Vows to Continue Fight for F-22 Funding

The International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAM) yesterday pledged to continue fighting for additional funding for F-22 Raptor aircraft, despite a vote in the U.S. Senate to end production at the 187 jets currently on order.

Defpro

U.S. buys 62 more BAE Systems M777 guns

The U.S. Department of Defense has ordered 62 more M777 howitzers from BAE Systems in a deal worth \$117 million (£71m).

BAE Systems Press Release

Wildcat helicopter row turns hostile

The row over perceived helicopter shortages continues after one MP took exception to another's comments on the Lynx Wildcat. Conservative MP Douglass Carswell has been an ardent critic of the Lynx Wildcat programme, arguing that the £1.7bn could be better spent on off the shelf helicopters such as the Sikorsky Blackhawk.

Defence Management

Lockheed stands by year outlook, shares drop

Defence contractor Lockheed Martin Corp posted better-than-expected quarterly earnings but failed to raise its full-year forecast and said growth in its services segment disappointed, and its shares fell 8 percent.

Reuters

Lord Malloch-Brown becomes first minister to admit helicopter shortage in Afghanistan

Lord Malloch-Brown has admitted that British troops need more helicopters in Afghanistan, becoming the first senior government minister to do so, during an interview in which he also said Gordon Brown's future looked "bleak".

The Telegraph

Russia set to build up its naval facilities in Syria

The Russian Navy will expand and modernize its Soviet-era naval maintenance site near Tartus in Syria to support anti-piracy operations off the Somali coast, a high-ranking navy source said on Monday.

RIA Novosti

Dannatt and Stirrup have given 'succour to the enemy', warns Labour peer

A Labour former minister today accused the head of the Armed Forces and the Army's chief of making comments that 'threaten to undermine' the UK's effort in Afghanistan and give 'succour to the enemy'.

Daily Mail

Funeral date set for oldest man - WW1 veteran Henry Allingham

A public funeral with military honours will be held for Henry Allingham, who was the world's oldest man before his death at the weekend at the age of 113.

BBC News