

**Talks to save A400M end in deadlock**

Talks to save one of Europe's largest defence projects have ended in deadlock, in spite of governments offering to pay EADS €2bn to help cover huge cost overruns on the A400M military transporter.

Financial Times

**Russian military exports hit \$7.4 bln in 2009**

Russia exported \$7.4 billion worth of military products last year, up 10% against 2008, the head of the country's state-run arms exporter Rosoboronexport said on Thursday.

RIA Novosti

**Babcock and Wilcox Awarded \$450 Million Order for Nuclear Components**

Babcock & Wilcox Nuclear Operations Group, Inc. (B&W NOG), an operating unit of The Babcock & Wilcox Company (B&W), has received an award of approximately \$450 million for the manufacture of nuclear components to support U.S. defense programs, including the manufacture of U.S. Naval nuclear power systems for submarines and aircraft carriers.

Defpro

**Northrop Grumman Awarded \$335 Million Base Operations Contract**

U.S. Air Forces in Europe has awarded the Northrop Grumman Corporation and Kellogg Brown & Root, Inc 50/50 joint venture Vinnell, Brown & Root LLC a contract to provide base operations support services for locations in Turkey and Spain.

Northrop Grumman Press Release

**First U.K. Service Pilot Flies The Lockheed Martin F-35**

A Royal Air Force officer on Tuesday became the first active-duty service pilot from the United Kingdom to take to the skies in a Lockheed Martin F-35 Lightning II, also known as the Joint Strike Fighter (JSF).

Lockheed Martin Press Release

**Russian "stealth" fighter to fly by end-Jan**

Russia will test fly by the end of January a new "fifth generation" stealth fighter that aims to challenge the United States for technical superiority, an aviation industry source told Reuters on Wednesday.

Reuters