

France Orders 5 More Cougar Helo Upgrades
The Direction Générale de l'Armement (DGA) has signed contracts to modernize five more Cougar tactical transport helicopters, part of a 27-helicopter, 220 million euro (\$314 million) plan, the procurement office said in a Dec. 22 statement.

Defense News
Myanmar to buy 20 MiG-29 fighters for \$570 mln
A 400 million-euro (\$570 mln) contract has been signed for the delivery of Russian MiG-29 fighters for the Myanmar Air Force, a source close to Russia's arms export monopoly told a business daily on Wednesday.

RIA Novosti
BAE Systems receives French order for BvS10 MK II all-terrain vehicle
BAE Systems has been awarded a contract by the Direction générale de l'armement (DGA) - French Armament Procurement Agency - for 53 BvS10 MkII vehicles, a new and improved version of the all-terrain vehicle in service with the Dutch and British armed forces. With options, the total value of the contract could reach €220 million for 129 vehicles.

BAE Systems Press Release
United Kingdom Announces Approval Of Third F-35B Joint Strike Fighter Purchase
The Joint Combat Aircraft (JCA) program has announced that the United Kingdom has received financial approval to purchase its third Lockheed Martin F-35B Lightning II operational test aircraft, reinforcing the U.K.'s continued commitment to the Joint Strike Fighter program's upcoming Operational Test and Evaluation (OT&E).

Lockheed Martin Press Release
India, Israel decide to step up defence ties
India and Israel have decided to further ramp up their ongoing defence cooperation in areas ranging from military trade and counter-terrorism to intelligence-sharing and joint R&D projects.

Times of India
With military precision, MoD hits emissions target two years early
Soldiers may not be seen as the most likely of tree huggers, but the Ministry of Defence (MoD) has this week emerged as one of Whitehall's greener departments, announcing that it has reached its target to cut carbon emissions from its estate by 12.5 per cent two years ahead of schedule.

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