

#### US Air Force sees risk in halting F-22 production

The decision to stop producing Lockheed Martin Corp's F-22 fighter jet at 187 planes would pose a "moderate to high risk" if the service needed to fight two wars simultaneously, U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff General Norton Schwartz said on Thursday.

Reuters

#### U.S. Air Force to regain control of tanker bidding

The U.S. Air Force is expected to resume control over a long-delayed aerial refueling airplane competition between Boeing Co and Northrop Grumman Corp, a Pentagon official said on Thursday.

Reuters

#### House OKs Pentagon reforms, bill heads to W. House

The U.S. House of Representatives on Thursday unanimously approved legislation to reform the way the Pentagon buys weapons, sending it to President Barack Obama to be signed into law.

Reuters

#### USA wants UK Zephyr in Afghanistan and Iraq

The UK-designed solar-powered, high-altitude, long-endurance Zephyr unmanned air vehicle is to fly in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Flight International

#### Delays Likely for FCS Spinout Gear

Future Combat Systems spinout gear could be delayed by the program's restructuring, U.S. Army leaders told lawmakers at a May 21 Air and Land Forces Subcommittee of the House Armed Services Committee hearing on acquisition and modernisation.

Defense News

#### Another day, another MoD data gaffe

It seems that every day brings another embarrassing data gaffe for the MoD to endure. Less than 24 hours after it was revealed that sensitive MoD data on nuclear submarines was sent to a metal factory in Derbyshire, the MoD has admitted that it lost a laptop containing the personal details of soldiers and their families.

## Defence Management

### Senate backs \$91.3 billion Iraq, Afghan war bill

The U.S. Senate on Thursday approved a \$91.3 billion measure sought by President Barack Obama to fund the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Reuters

### Gurkhas win right to stay as PM backs down

Tens of thousands of former Gurkhas have won the right to live in Britain after Gordon Brown was forced to change government policy by a campaigning actress.

Financial Times