

MoD pledges to speed up its armoured vehicle deal

The Ministry of Defence (MoD) will sign a £2 billion contract to buy about 600 armoured vehicles within six months to ensure the purchase is not delayed by the Government's proposed defence review next year.

The Times

BAE's Mantis drone may be downed by MoD

BAE Systems' unmanned military jet, Mantis, could be the next high profile casualty of the Ministry of Defence's austerity drive because of the sky high cost of making it.

Daily Mail

OshKosh stops work on US Army trucks after protest

OshKosh Corp said on Tuesday that it received a stop-work order from the U.S. Army on a multibillion-dollar truck contract after two losing bidders, Britain's BAE Systems PLC and Navistar International Corp, filed protests last week.

Reuters

Venezuela to sign deal for 100 Russian tanks

Russia and Venezuela are expected to sign a contract on the delivery of at least 100 main battle tanks worth about \$500 million to the Latin American country, a Russian defense industry source said on Wednesday.

RIA Novosti

Raytheon Signs \$151 Million Evolved SeaSparrow Missile Contract

Raytheon Company was awarded a \$151 million contract by the U.S. Navy's NATO SeaSparrow program office to produce 186 Evolved SeaSparrow Missiles, with an option for \$210.3 million to produce an additional 255 missiles.

Raytheon Press Release

Historic MOD buildings 'at risk'

The Ministry of Defence (MoD) has been criticised over its maintenance of historical buildings at RAF Bicester. Cherwell District Council said basic repairs were "inadequate" and had led to 18 listed buildings being identified as "at risk" by English Heritage.

BBC News

Missile strategy must not be seen as a retreat

There are mounting indications that Barack Obama will soon abandon plans to put missile defence bases in Poland and the Czech Republic. These have become one of the main bones of contention between Russia and the west. The Pentagon is tight-lipped about what, if anything, will replace the sites.

Financial Times