

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