

<p>Qinetiq consortium denies ♦1.3bn hole<br />The consortium behind a ♦12bn training programme for the military, one of Britain's largest private finance initiatives, has denied that there is a ♦1.3bn hole in the project's funding.<br />Financial Times<br /><br />UK companies to be asked to tender for combat vehicle fleet<br />The MOD has named the two British companies that are to go forward into the next stage of a project to provide the British Army with a new fleet of armoured reconnaissance vehicles.<br />Your Defence News</p> <p><br />Germany's KMW awarded multi-billion Euro contract for 405 PUMA IFVs<br /><br />Krauss-Maffei Wegmann (KMW) has received the largest single order in its recent history with a commission for series production of the Puma Infantry Fighting Vehicle (IFV). PSM GmbH (Project System and Management), a joint venture in which KMW and Rheinmetall AG of D♦sseldorf each hold a 50% stake<br /><br />Defpro<br /><br />Russia hints it could block nuclear arms deal with US President Barack Obama<br /><br />Russia has hinted it could walk away from a proposed nuclear arms deal with US President Barack Obama unless Washington shows 'restraint' over its plans to erect a contentious missile defence shield in Central Europe.<br /><br />The Telegraph<br /><br />Unmanned drones could be banned, says senior judge<br /><br />Unmanned drones could be banned from use in conflicts, Lord Bingham, one of Britain's most senior judges has suggested.<br /><br />The Telegraph<br /><br />MoD denies army kit is unsuitable<br /><br />Bob Ainsworth, defence secretary, insisted there had been "fantastic improvements" in army vehicles used in Afghanistan after the first British commanding officer was killed in action since the Falklands war.<br /><br />Financial Times<br /><br />Time to review policy on gays in U.S. military: Powell<br /><br />American attitudes have changed and the "don't ask, don't tell" policy toward gays serving in the U.S. military should be reviewed, former Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman Colin Powell said on Sunday.<br /><br />Reuters<br /><br />Privacy, tech limits vex U.S. net defense<br /><br />Technical limits and privacy concerns are plaguing the system designed to protect the U.S. government's computer network from cyberspies, officials said.<br /><br />UPI</p>