MoD considers call for big rise in outsourcing
The Ministry of Defence is considering dramatically expanding the support work it outsources to private companies. The news comes only weeks after an independent report cited the trend towards contracting-out as a key factor in the 2006 Nimrod reconnaissance aircraft explosion in which 14 servicemen were killed.
Financial Times

VT Group has UK Defence Support Group in its sights

UK support services company VT Group is keen to acquire the UK Ministry of Defence's (MoD) Defence Support Group (DSG) should it be put up for sale under UK government moves to shrink defence procurement costs.

Jane's

India eyeing 10 C-17s

India is negotiating the purchase of Boeing's C-17 Globemaster Heavy-Lift aircraft in a deal with the United States that is estimated at about $1.7 billion.

UPI

SMEs facing information barrier to EU defence market

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) struggle to win contracts in the EU's defence sector because they face a yawning information deficit, according to a new report commissioned by the EU executive.

EurActiv

Australian Government Releases 2008 Defence Budget Audit

The Australian Minister for Defence, Senator John Faulkner, has announced that the Government has released the 2008 Defence Budget Audit, also known as the 'Pappas Review'.

Defpro

China seeks reform of UN peacekeeping

China will convene an unprecedented conference on international peacekeeping in Beijing today, in a sign it is seeking to shape the future of an area in which it plays a rapidly growing

role.

Financial Times

Deterrent cannot be guaranteed with three subs, says Navy chief

The Royal Navy will only be able to "guarantee" continuous deterrent patrols with Trident ballistic-missile submarines if the Government agrees to keep four boats, the head of the Royal Navy told The Times yesterday.

The Times

Contract worth EUR 600 million to the Finmeccanica Group for the support of the Italian Air Force Typhoon fleet

Finmeccanica has announced that the NATO Eurofighter and Tornado Management Agency (NETMA) and Eurofighter GmbH today signed a contract worth more than EUR 600 million with the Finmeccanica Group for the supply of five-year integrated support services for the Italian Air Force fleet of Eurofighter aircraft.

Finmeccanica Press Release