

Workers at UK navy shipyard vote for strike  
Four hundred workers at the BVT Surface Fleet shipyard in Portsmouth, southern England, voted to strike over a planned change in working conditions that could lead to them working away from home for up to three months.  
Reuters  
Minister Goes On The Defensive Over Budget  
The minister responsible for defence and security sales has hit back at accusations the Government has turned its back on the industry. Lord Davies told Sky News the trade is vital to Britain's economic recovery.  
Sky News

WTO ruling might hurt EADS tanker bid  
The World Trade Organization's decision to uphold U.S. complaints that Airbus received improper subsidies might burden the Europeans' chances to win a multibillion-dollar U.S. Air Force contract for refueling tankers.  
UPI  
Hugo Ch ez arrives on arms 'shopping spree'  
President Hugo Ch ez of Venezuela flies to Moscow today amid reports that he is shopping for weapons, including helicopters, submarines, tanks and missiles.  
The Times  
Moscow could give Venezuela arms loan  
Russia could give Venezuela a loan for a new arms contract, a senior Kremlin official said on Wednesday.  
RIA Novosti  
Ex-army chief: extra helicopters are too old  
Colonel Stuart Tootal, a former Army commander who led troops in Afghanistan, said many of the extra helicopters being sent to the war-torn country were "old, knackered Sea Kings".  
The Telegraph