

**Brown to offer cut in Trident sub fleet**

Gordon Brown will state for the first time on Thursday that the UK is prepared to cut the number of submarines that can launch nuclear missiles from four to three, in an attempt to accelerate global arms reduction talks.

Financial Times

**Europe orders more Airbus sensor checks**

European safety officials have ordered checks on certain Airbus speed sensors supplied by U.S. manufacturer Goodrich, weeks after clamping down on alternative equipment from France's Thales.

Reuters

**Saab denies asking Brazil for more time on bid**

Swedish defense and aerospace firm Saab on Tuesday denied requesting an extended deadline from Brazil's air force in the tender for the country's next-generation fighter jets.

Reuters

**Boeing backers eye adding trade to tanker contest**

Lawmakers who back Boeing Co said they were considering legislative action to ensure the Pentagon did not exempt Airbus parent EADS from U.S. export restrictions and other laws in a \$35-billion refueling aircraft competition that resumes this week.

Reuters

**Era of western-only military intervention over, says Ashdown**

Britain will never again become involved in a multinational military intervention that does not involve a country such as China, the former Lib Dem leader Lord Ashdown said yesterday.

The Guardian

**Indian stealth destroyer launched**

The Indian navy has launched a stealth destroyer capable of carrying nuclear warheads. The INS Kochi, a 6,500-ton warship, will add its force to the existing Indian fleet, which includes the INS Delhi, INS Mysore and INS Mumbai.

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