

David Cameron News Conference

David Cameron at his monthly press conference, speaking on Conservative defence policy: "have to review all commitments across the piece" and "spending too much for a while. Must to do more to explain how can live within means." (See 09:34)

Sky News

BAE to Cut 500 Jobs, Close Three Plants After U.K. Order Delay

BAE Systems, will cut 500 jobs and close three plants after the British government delayed the purchase of armored vehicles. BAE will shut factories in Guildford, Leeds and Telford, England, with the loss of 330 jobs, the London-based company said today in an e-mailed statement. About 150 posts will be cut at sites in Newcastle, Leicester and Barrow, and 30 positions will be eliminated through "efficiency measures," it said.

Bloomberg

Boeing in U.S. Special Ops deal worth up to \$250 million

Boeing has won a U.S. Special Operations Command contract worth up to \$250 million for a remotely piloted reconnaissance aircraft system, the Defense Department said on Wednesday.

Reuters

Elbit, Rockwell venture gets \$120 mln in contracts

Vision Systems International, a maker of helmet-mounted display technology, has received several new contracts worth over \$120 million, the company said on Thursday.

Reuters

British plan for new intelligence facility

The British Ministry of Defense announced plans for a new intelligence facility to strengthen operational and strategic threat-assessment capabilities.

UPI

Defence Analytical Service - civilian workforce report

The latest Civilian Workforce by Grade Equivalence and Budgetary Area report, produced by Defence Analytical Services and Advice (DASA), Ministry of Defence, was released on the 30th April 2009 according to the arrangements approved by the UK Statistics Authority.

DASA

Finmeccanica contacts Northrop on US C27J contract

Italian defence group Finmeccanica has had contact with Northrop Grumman about the possibility the U.S. contractor could become a partner in its C27J transport plane project for the U.S. military.

Reuters

Top U.S. Marine defends \$13 billion amphibious tank

U.S. Marines must be able to storm enemy shores in amphibious vehicles such as those being built by General Dynamics Corp, the top Marine said, defending a \$13.2 billion program called into question by Defense Secretary Robert Gates.

Reuters

Russia and China announce new era of military cooperation

Russia and China announced plans for an intensified programme of military cooperation yesterday as part of a burgeoning "strategic partnership".

The Times