

MoD 'institutionally incapable' of succeeding in Afghanistan

The former commander of Britain's military operation in Helmand province has warned that the Ministry of Defence is "institutionally incapable" of succeeding in the conflict in Afghanistan. The Telegraph

Navy facing struggle for survival as Treasury cuts spending, report warns

The Royal Navy is facing a struggle for survival against a Treasury intent on cutting back on defence spending, a report warns today. The Times

Chinook crash 'may have been caused by software faults'

New evidence has emerged that computer software faults may have caused the 1994 Chinook helicopter crash on the Mull of Kintyre, the BBC has learned. BBC News

Afghan parliament approves defence minister

Afghanistan's parliament on Saturday approved the reappointment of Defence Minister Abdul Rahim Wardak, the first of President Hamid Karzai's cabinet nominees to be confirmed in their post. Reuters

China has no plans for African Navy base

The Chinese government says its Navy does not need a supply base in the Gulf of Aden to support ships operating against Somali pirates. UPI

Half of UK's new armoured vehicles in Afghanistan out of service

More than half of the new armoured vehicles sent to Afghanistan are out of service, the Ministry of Defence has admitted. Only 134 of the 271 Mastiffs, the heaviest and most protective of the Army's armoured vehicles in Afghanistan, are "fit for purpose", figures obtained by the Liberal Democrats have revealed. The Times