

CIS members to discuss development of joint air defense network

Members of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) will meet on Wednesday in South Russia's Astrakhan to discuss the development of the CIS integrated air defense network.

RIA Novosti

Pentagon presses UTX to cut F-35 engine costs

The Pentagon is pressing United Technologies Corp to cut costs on the engine it builds for Lockheed Martin Corp's F-35 fighter, but said problems with that engine do not justify spending billions on an alternate F-35 engine.

Reuters

US Air Force chief wary of F-22 export project

A top U.S. Air Force official expressed doubts on Tuesday about diverting service personnel toward developing an export version of Lockheed Martin Corp's F-22 fighter.

Reuters

Jim Murphy's behind-the-scenes manoeuvring won day for Benbecula

The Scottish Secretary Jim Murphy was the toast of Benbecula yesterday when he revealed a reprieve for the island's missile range, removing the threat to the 125 jobs that depend on it.

The Times

Bob Ainsworth: voters won't back higher defence spending

Bob Ainsworth has said that voters do not want higher defence spending and some are calling for cuts. Warning military leaders they must live "in the real world" over future spending on the Armed Forces, the defence secretary said that defence faces "tough choices" in the years ahead.

The Telegraph

MoD budget set to come under fire, whoever wins election

Key elements of Britain's defences were placed on the table today when Labour indicated it may scale back the Trident nuclear deterrent and the Tories questioned a series of big procurement projects.

The Guardian