

VT Group plc announces it has reached agreement on the disposal of its shareholding in BVT Surface Fleet Ltd

Support services company VT Group plc has announced that it has signed a legally binding agreement with BAE Systems plc on the disposal of its 45 per cent. shareholding in BVT Surface Fleet Limited, the shipbuilding and naval support joint venture between BAE and VT, for cash consideration of £346 million.

VT Group Press Release

NNSA Announces Equivalent of More Than 15,000 Nuclear Weapons of Russian HEU Eliminated

The National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) today announced that it has monitored the elimination of more than 375 metric tons of Russian highly enriched uranium – the equivalent of more than 15,000 nuclear weapons – under a landmark nuclear nonproliferation program.

Your Defence News

Hutton spells out concerns over Trident cutbacks

John Hutton, the former defence secretary, gave warning yesterday that Gordon Brown's offer to reduce the future Trident sub-marine fleet by one vessel could jeopardise the UK's long-standing commitment to "continuous at-sea -deterrence".

Financial Times

Medvedev says Russia ready to cooperate on missile defense with U.S.

Russian President Dmitry Medvedev told his U.S. counterpart on Thursday that Russia was ready to continue missile defense cooperation with the U.S. and Europe.

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President of Missile Defense Advocacy Alliance (MDAA) Publishes White Paper on Recent U.S. Missile Defence Decision

Riki Ellison, Chairman and President of the Missile Defense Advocacy Alliance (MDAA) has developed a White Paper that analyzes the recent missile defense decision by President Barack Obama and Secretary of Defense Robert Gates. The White Paper states that the protection of our homeland population is a risk we are facing with the new missile defense plan.

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Royal Marines Praise Jackal Designers

The first Royal Marines to use the Jackal high mobility vehicles in Afghanistan met with the designers and engineers of the vehicle yesterday to give them their feedback. Among the Marines singing the praises of the vehicle was Sergeant Mark Haig who believes the vehicle saved his life after a device detonated underneath one he was travelling in.

Royal Navy Press Release