

Workers at UK navy shipyard vote for strike

Four hundred workers at the BVT Surface Fleet shipyard in Portsmouth, southern England, voted to strike over a planned change in working conditions that could lead to them working away from home for up to three months.

Reuters

Minister Goes On The Defensive Over Budget

The minister responsible for defence and security sales has hit back at accusations the Government has turned its back on the industry. Lord Davies told Sky News the trade is vital to Britain's economic recovery.

Sky News

WTO ruling might hurt EADS tanker bid

The World Trade Organization's decision to uphold U.S. complaints that Airbus received improper subsidies might burden the Europeans' chances to win a multibillion-dollar U.S. Air Force contract for refueling tankers.

UPI

Hugo Chávez arrives on arms 'shopping spree'

President Hugo Chávez of Venezuela flies to Moscow today amid reports that he is shopping for weapons, including helicopters, submarines, tanks and missiles.

The Times

Moscow could give Venezuela arms loan

Russia could give Venezuela a loan for a new arms contract, a senior Kremlin official said on Wednesday.

RIA Novosti

Ex-army chief: extra helicopters are too old

Colonel Stuart Tootal, a former Army commander who led troops in Afghanistan, said many of the extra helicopters being sent to the war-torn country were "old, knackered Sea Kings".

The Telegraph