

[India, US operationalise biggest-ever defence deal](#)

Times of India, 8 August 2009

NEW DELHI: The last hurdle for the execution of the biggest-ever defence deal with US, the \$2.1 billion contract for eight Boeing P-8I long-range maritime reconnaissance (LRMR) aircraft, has now been cleared. The US and Indian governments have finalised the technical assistance agreement (TAA) for the P-8I contract after exchange of a few drafts and the formal approval by the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS).

[Russia to deliver MiG-29 engines to India](#)

Hindustan Times, 22 August 2009

Russia will deliver 26 engines for upgrading the MiG-29 combat jets of the Indian Air Force (IAF), with another 120 to be assembled in India, following an agreement with the Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL) at the ongoing MAKS 2009 air show near Moscow, officials said on Friday. The RD-33/series 3 engine, being delivered by state-run arms exporter Rosoboronexport, is an upgraded version of the powerful RD-33 turbofan with thrust vectoring for the MiG family of fighters. The engine provides superior maneuverability and enhances the fighter's performance in close air combat

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/News/india/Russia-to-deliver-MiG-29-engines-to-India/Article1-445657.aspx>

[Sea Harrier crashes off Goa, pilot killed](#)

Times of India, 22 August 2009

PANAJI: A Sea Harrier crashed off the Goa coast on Friday morning, killing lieutenant commander Saurav Saxena, 31, who was flying the aircraft. The aircraft crashed around 15 nautical miles west of Vasco at 11.57am, 42 minutes after take-off. Navy officials say the British-made Sea Harrier was on a routine exercise with a missile vessel, when a distress call was made to the air traffic controller

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/news/india/Sea-Harrier-crashes-off-Goa-pilot-killed/articleshow/4921371.cms>

[Govt plans Rs 10,000cr dedicated telecom network for armed forces](#)

Times of India, 22 August 2009

NEW DELHI: In a significant national security-related development, the government is moving to build a \$2 billion or Rs 9,970.16 crore dedicated, highly secure and state-of-the-art optical fiber cable (OFC) network for the Army, Navy and Air Force. This will be one of the world's largest, closed user group (CUG) networks for exclusive use by the million-plus personnel of the Indian armed forces

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/news/india/Govt-plans-Rs-10000cr-dedicated-telecom-network-for-armed-forces/articleshow/4921054.cms>

[Clean chit for Fernandes, 3 army officers chargesheet](#)

Hindu, 23 August 2009

Three Indian Army officers and a US supplier were chargesheeted on Saturday by the CBI in the Kargil war coffin scam. The agency, however, has given a clean chit to then defence minister George Fernandes. "The CBI has named Major General (ret'd) Arun Roye, Colonel (ret'd) S.K. Malik and a serving officer Colonel F.B. Singh, besides a private person and US citizen Victor Baiza in the chargesheet. But Fernandes's does not figure in the chargesheet," said a CBI officer who did not want to be identified as he is not authorised to speak to the media

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/india/Coffin-case-Clean-chit-for-Fernandes/Article1-446079.aspx>

Navy grounds Sea Harrier fleet

Times of India, 27 August 2009

NEW DELHI: The Navy has grounded the entire Sea Harrier fighter jet fleet in the backdrop of one of the aircraft crashing off Goa last week, rendering its lone aircraft carrier INS Viraat without its aerial firepower. "The Sea Harriers have been grounded following the crash that left a fighter pilot dead," Navy officials said here on Tuesday. With the grounding of the 10 Sea Harrier jump jets, INS Viraat, which got afloat at the Cochin Shipyard's dry dock after a 18-month refit a fortnight ago, may have to sail to Gulf of Aden next month without its fighter jets

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/NEWS/India/Navy-grounds-Sea-Harrier-fleet/articleshow/4933904.cms>

Indian armed forces confident about nuclear arsenal

Times of India, 28 August 2009

NEW DELHI: Indian armed forces seem quite confident about the country's nuclear arsenal despite the controversy over the "yields" of the 1998. Pokhran-II nuclear tests, which included a 15 kiloton fission device, a 45 kiloton thermonuclear device (hydrogen bomb) and three sub-kiloton devices. Outgoing Navy chief Admiral Sureesh Mehta, also the chairman of the chiefs of staff committee, on Thursday said India had "a credible minimum nuclear deterrent" in line with its no-first use (NFU) policy

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/NEWS/India/Indian-armed-forces-confident-about-nuclear-arsenal/articleshow/4941925.cms>

Scorpene project will cost Rs 2,000cr more

Times of India, 29 August 2009

NEW DELHI: India will have to soon shell out well over Rs 2,000 crore more to French armament companies if it does not want its ongoing mammoth Rs 18,798 crore project to construct six Scorpene submarines at Mazagon Docks Ltd (MDL) in Mumbai to come to a grinding halt. The Scorpene project, under which the first submarine was to roll out by December 2012, with the others following one per year thereafter, is already running two years behind schedule, as was first reported by TOI

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/NEWS/India/Scorpene-project-will-cost-Rs-2000cr-more/articleshow/4946064.cms>

[Navy factors in terrorism, coastal security in revamped maritime doctrine](#)

Times of India, 30 August 2009

NEW DELHI: Making major changes in its maritime doctrine given the evolving nature of modern warfare, the Indian Navy has revamped its existing policies to factor in maritime terrorism, piracy and coastal security as matters of greater strategic importance. The revamped doctrine, which was released by outgoing Navy chief Admiral Sureesh Mehta on Friday, has an all-new chapter on naval combat power which highlights the everchanging demands on conceptual, human and physical components of warfare

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/NEWS/India/Navy-factors-in-terrorism-coastal-security-in-revamped-maritime-doctrine/articleshow/4949176.cms>

['Pakistan illegally modified missiles'](#)

Hindu, 31 August 2009

New York: Validating New Delhi's fears that Islamabad was using U.S. security aid to beef up its military against it, the Obama administration has accused Pakistan of illegally modifying the Harpoon anti-ship missile and maritime surveillance aircraft P-3C for potential land attacks against India. The New York Times reported in a front page story that the U.S. lodged a protest in this regard with Pakistan Prime Minister Yusuf Raza Gilani in June, adding to the tension between the two countries

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/08/31/stories/2009083157700100.htm>

[Crashes, engine failures ground IAF trainer aircraft](#)

Times of India, 31 August 2009

NEW DELHI: The Indian Air Force (IAF) has grounded its entire fleet of HPT-32 initial trainer aircraft owing to a series of crashes and engine failures. This comes at a time when the force is facing an acute shortage of efficient pilots. Authoritative sources in the IAF told IANS that recurrent engine failure of the Hindustan Piston Trainer (HPT)-32 aircraft - stationed at the Air Force Academy (AFA) in Hyderabad - is the reason behind the grounding since last month

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/NEWS/India/Crashes-engine-failures-ground-IAF-trainer-aircraft/articleshow/4952567.cms>