

Hindu, 1 January 2009

**Tatas, Oberois seek CISF cover**

NEW DELHI: The Tatas and Oberois, whose hotels were attacked by terrorists, had approached the Home Ministry for security cover to their establishments by the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF). Infosys and the Jamnagar Refinery of Reliance had also approached the government seeking CISF security This was stated by Home Minister P. Chidambaram at a press conference here on Wednesday

Times of India, 1 January 2009

**Under agreement, India, Pak exchange lists of nuclear installations**

ISLAMABAD: India and Pakistan on Thursday exchanged lists of their nuclear installations under an agreement aimed at preventing attacks on each other's atomic facilities inspite of prevailing tension in the aftermath of the Mumbai terror attacks. Pakistan's Foreign Office handed over a list of Pakistan's nuclear installations and facilities to an official of the Indian High Commission at 11 am here

Times of India, 4 January 2009

**Army activity spirals along international border**

On the Western border: The heat has suddenly gone up along the international border even as temperatures hit a new low. With Pakistan continuing its flip-flop regarding action against those unleashing terror from its soil, India on Saturday geared up to a new preparedness with the Army laying communication cables, cleaning bunkers and setting up camps at various places including schools across villages along the India-Pakistan border

The Times of India, 5 January 2009

**India inks largest-ever defence deal with US**

New Delhi: The UPA government has quietly gone ahead and signed the biggest-ever defence deal with US: a \$2.1 billion contract for eight Boeing P-8I long-range maritime reconnaissance (LRMR) aircraft for Navy. TOI had reported on December 27 that the huge deal was finally on the verge of being inked after protracted negotiations and clearance from the Cabinet Committee on Security...

The Asian Age, 8 January 2009

**Defence companies see apt time for business**

New Delhi: With military tensions rising between India and Pakistan, defence companies are sniffing an opportunity to sell more of their armaments, aircraft and other equipment to India. With the global economy in a recession, major arms purchases by large countries such as India will come as a major boost to global companies manufacturing defence equipment...

The Indian Express, 9 January 2009

**'US in talks with India for providing missile defence'**

London: As part of their overall strategic partnership, the US and India are engaged in talks over sale of missile shield systems to help New Delhi face any nuclear threats from Pakistan and other "volatile" countries in the region, a media report here said on Thursday...

The Times of India, 9 January 2009

**Will US extend the ballistic missile shield to India?**

New Delhi: Even as India prepares to test its own fledgling ballistic missile defence (BMD) system for the third time "within a month or so", New Delhi and Washington are moving towards signing a memorandum of understanding (MoU) in the BMD

arena. Sources told TOI on Thursday that some rounds of talks on "possible collaboration on BMD or missile shield systems to enhance cooperative security and stability" have been held between India and US in recent times...

The Asian Age, 19 January 2009

#### **DRDO works on laser tech for missile defence**

New Delhi: The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) is working on a project to develop laser technologies that could be later used for weaponisation. The technologies, once developed, could later be used for developing laser interceptors, sources said...

The Hindu, 20 January 2009

#### **A.K. Antony to commission patrol vessel ICGS Samrat tomorrow**

Panaji: Defence Minister A.K. Antony on Wednesday will formally commission ICGS Samrat, the second in the series of new generation of Advanced Offshore Patrol Vessels (AOPVs), indigenously built by the Goa-based Defence shipyard Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL), at Mormugao in south Goa ICGS Samrat, the biggest ever vessel designed in-house and built by GSL, provides an excellent platform for command, control and communication, said a spokesman of the GSL here on Monday...

The Times of India, 20 January 2009

#### **India ready for war? Forces grapple with delays, red tape**

New Delhi: For all its aspirations about becoming a superpower, India continues to fumble in formulating strategic plans to systematically build the country's military "capabilities" in tune with its geopolitical objectives. For one, the government is yet to finalise the 11th Defence Plan (2007-2012) due to wrangling between the finance and defence ministries. For another, similar is the fate of the much-touted LTIPP-2007-2022 (long-term integrated perspective plan) till now, say sources...

The Indian Express, 21 January 2009

#### **BrahMos missile misses target at first user trial**

New Delhi: It is the pride of India's defence research programme but the BrahMos surface-to-surface cruise missile failed to meet user and operational parameters at its first ever user trial at the Pokhran ranges in Rajasthan on Tuesday. Sources at the test site told this newspaper that the Indo-Russian missile failed to hit its target after it was fired by the Army on Tuesday morning...

The Asian Age, 21 January 2009

#### **BrahMos new version fails test**

New Delhi: The test-firing of a version of the nuclear-capable BrahMos supersonic cruise missile at Pokhran in Rajasthan on Tuesday has failed to fully meet its mission objectives and target specifications, Indian Army sources have confirmed. The test-firing was conducted in the presence of Army chief Gen. Deepak Kapoor who is currently on a visit to border areas in Rajasthan...

The Hindu, 22 January 2009

#### **BrahMos missed the target T.S. Subramanian**

Chennai: A software glitch during the terminal stage of the flight of supersonic cruise missile BrahMos on Tuesday led to the missile falling short of its target. The Army fired the missile at the Pokhran range in Rajasthan. It was a modified BrahMos with a new software to make it "more intelligent" and hit a given target (a structure) out of a number of small buildings but it missed the target, said A. Sivathanu Pillai, Chief

Executive Officer and Managing Director of BrahMos Aerospace...

The Hindu, 22 January 2009

### **Antony favours self-reliance**

Mormugao: In view of increased threat perception from diverse fronts, the Defence Ministry will give top priority to rapid modernisation of the defence forces and coastal security, Defence Minister A. K. Antony said here on Wednesday. This would cover the Coast Guard and marine police forces as well. An increase in the security forces on the land was also on the government's agenda...

The Times of India, 22 January 2009

### **BrahMos to be tested again within a month**

New Delhi: A day after the land-attack version of BrahMos failed to perform properly during a test at the Pokhran firing range, defence scientists on Wednesday declared they would test-fire the supersonic cruise missile within a month after rectifying the errors...

The Indian Express, 26 January 2009

### **Fast-forward on security purchases: 5 months maximum to wrap up deal**

New Delhi: With military purchases running slow and new acquisitions being planned to beef up coastal security after the Mumbai attacks, the Government has decided to initiate fast-track acquisition procedures and given the go-ahead to hold a special meeting of the Defence Acquisition Committee (DAC) within the next three weeks to clear proposals...

The Hindu, 27 January 2009

### **Missiles steal the show at Parade**

New Delhi: The country's military muscle and weapons system were on display here at the Republic Day parade, with a range of missiles, including two variants of the Indo-Russian joint venture supersonic missile, BrahMos, long-range ballistic missile Agni and Advanced Air Defence (AAD) missile taking part...

The Indian Express, 27 January 2009

### **R-Day show of strength: missile defence system on display for first time**

New Delhi: India for the first time showcased its indigenous missile defence system, designed to shoot down incoming nuclear-tipped missiles, at the Republic Day parade on Monday. The Advanced Air Defence (AAD) missile system, which is undergoing developmental trials, is India's first missile defence system and engages incoming ballistic missile at an altitude of 18 km...

The Times of India, 27 January 2009

### **India goes for 'urgent' purchase of anti-tank missiles**

New Delhi: With tensions with Pakistan yet to abate and the indigenous "Nag" missile still not operational, the Army has gone in for an "urgent order" of 4,100 French-origin Milan-2T anti-tank guided missiles (ATGMs). Defence ministry sources said the Rs 592-crore order for 4,100 Milan-2T missiles, pending for quite some time, was cleared after 26/11, with the government finally fast-tracking several military procurement plans...

The Indian Express, 27 January 2009

### **Editorial: Time to shop**

That a national conversation has begun on the subject of India's defence preparedness is something that is extremely welcome. This newspaper has

previously pointed out that policy-making circles and Indians more generally seemed to be feeling insufficient alarm that, over the past five years, India's military preparedness, including its edge over Pakistan, has been eroded...