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2. New Iraq Role Ahead

3. Bird Flu Threatens Misery For Millions

4. Special Report: Australia, Japan and Southern Blue Fin Tuna

1. ADF Shuns Used Gear After Bungle On Choppers,
   Brendan Nicholson, Age, 2006-02-16
   Long delays and serious problems with a $1 billion contract to rebuild a fleet of 1960s helicopters for the navy have driven the Australian Defence Force to swear it will never again buy second-hand equipment.

2. New Iraq Role Ahead,
   Patrick Walters and Peter Alford, Australian, 2006-02-14
   Australian troops will stay in Iraq, most likely in training roles, after the expected wind-up of the al-Muthanna task group later this year. A scaled-down Australian ground force in Iraq is likely to be matched by a steady build-up in Afghanistan where about 500 Australians could be stationed by later this year.

3. Bird Flu Threatens Misery For Millions,
   Peter Hartcher and John Garnaut, SMH, 2006-02-16
   Avian flu could kill up to 214,000 Australians in a serious global outbreak according to a new projection by Professor Warwick McKibbin and Dr Alexandra Sidorenko. The findings will be presented at the Lowy Institute in Sydney.
   ○ Global Macroeconomic Consequences Of Pandemic Influenza, Warwick McKibbin and Alexandra...

Hagen Stehr [Chairman, Clean Seas Tuna Ltd] has called on Canberra to impose sanctions on Japan in a crackdown against international poachers. A spokesman for federal Fisheries Minister Eric Abetz said the Government was aware of the discrepancies between international quotas and what appeared on the Japanese fish markets.

   - *Endangered Tuna Catch To Be Halved*, AAP, Age, 2006-01-10
   - *The Facts: Southern Bluefin Tuna*, CSIRO Marine Research
   - *Southern Bluefin Tuna Fishery*, Australian Fisheries Management Agency
   - *Tasmanian Endangered Tuna Push*, Port Lincoln Times, 2006-02-09

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