

Army fears a brutal stall in 2020

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The Chief of Staff, Pierre de Villiers, asked the future president to increase the "war effort" to 2% of GDP.

The army at the disposal of the next French president will have another face than the modern and efficient one offered by the official photograph of the ending quinquennium. Too many military operations, not enough resources: despite a substantial national effort - 162 billion euros planned from 2015 to 2019 - the institution is expecting a breakdown. "You bought a car capable of going 100 km/h and lasting 100,000 km, but you drove three times as fast over five times the distance. Don't be surprised to see it wrecked," says one officer...

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