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SAHA 2026 is more than living up to the hype. Game changing technologies are being unveiled almost by the hour, and all the men spearheading Türkiye's defence industry are in attendance. Sales are at an all-time high. All the hard work is paying off. Big time.

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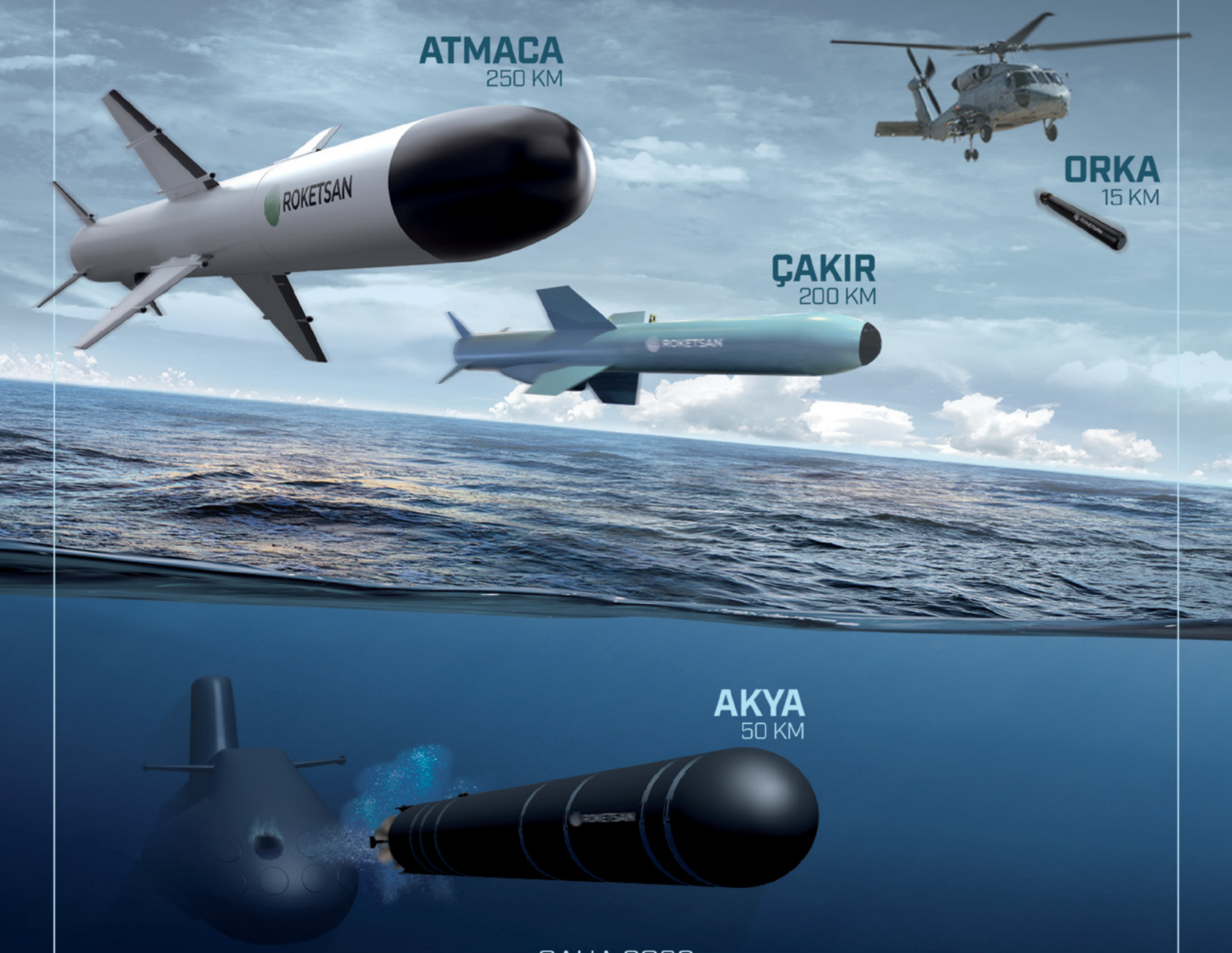

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Beyond Technologies Brings Three New Products to Istanbul

Ankara-based Beyond Technologies is showcasing its unmanned systems and artificial intelligence solutions at the ongoing SAHA 2026.

The ZIFIRI multi-purpose tactical unmanned ground vehicle (UGV) is capable of operating in high-risk environments — urban, cave and tunnel — without endangering personnel. The UGV's compact form makes maneuver in confined spaces possible. It features a versatile armed ground platform architecture that can be configured with different weapon systems according to mission requirements. It can perform reconnaissance, surveillance, fire support, logistics support and casualty evacuation missions without putting human lives at risk.

The company is also highlighting the capabilities of the BAZNA tactical FPV kamikaze UAV family. The drones can operate in conjunction with integrated systems, thus creating multi-layered operational effectiveness. The family includes the BAZNA V7, the BAZNA V10 and the BAZNA V15.

Also on display at the event is the FIBRON fiber-optic guided UAV platform. The kamikaze mini-UAV ensures uninterrupted and secure communication even in electronic warfare environments through its fiber-optic cable infrastructure. All command-and-control and video traffic travels exclusively over the fiber-optic tether, making the platform structurally immune to RF jamming, GPS spoofing, and electromagnetic detection. Its range is 20 km while the maximum speed is120 km per hour.

"We have seen a lot of interest in our new products," said Ece Saral, business development specialist. "We are confident about the export potential of these systems as they are unique."

SKYFEND Technology Highlights C-UAS Portfolio

Chinese company SKYFEND Technology, founded in 2020, is at the ongoing SAHA 2026, showcasing a vast range of counter-UAS technologies for low, slow, and small (LSS) drones.

"We have our own factory in Shenzhen," says Evelyn Lin, Overseas Sales Manager. "All over the world, the proliferation of UAVs is causing problems. We are working to provide cost effective solutions for defeating various kinds of drones. Our all-weather counter-drone systems are tailored for a wide range of scenarios. We have solutions for commercial and industrial customers, but our clients are mainly the miliary and the police. Many of our products are used for protecting infrastructure."

For portable event security, SKYFEND has introduced the Tracer, Skyshield Edge and Hunter. For portable border defence, the company has Hunter Lite, Spoofer, Tracer and a Tracker. Fixed energy facility protection is made possible by a suite of solutions such as Spoofer Pro, Tracker Eye Pro and Hunter F. The company's layered defence system includes Rayer, Spotter Pro, and Hunter Max. The vehicle mounted C-UAV system comprises Tracer V, Hunter V and Skyshield Edge. The SkySHield Nexus is an AI-powered integrated air-ground command and control hub that combines detection and early warning, intelligent decision making and coordinated interception.

The SKYFEND Sniper Elite is an integrated radio-frequency counter UAS system designed for complex operational scenarios and highly contested electromagnetic environments. The SKYFEND Thunder is an end-to-end AI interceptor product capable of autonomous navigation and interception of potential drone threats such as fixed wing UAVs. Spoofer Air is a high performance airborne GNSS spoofing system designed to counter drones equipped with multi-array anti-jamming antennas.

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Global Debut for STM's TOGAN-M Mini Reconnaissance UAV

On the third day of the ongoing SAHA 2026, STM has introduced the newest and most compact member of its tactical UAV family, the TOGAN-M Mini Reconnaissance and Surveillance UAV System.

Distinguished by its sub-2.5 kg weight and foldable design, TOGAN-M offers a reliable reconnaissance and surveillance solution for both military and strategic civilian operations, powered by its proprietary, electronic-warfare-resistant software and a national data security architecture.

STM General Manager Özgür Güleryüz emphasized the operational speed the system provides to units in the field. "The dynamics of the modern battlefield necessitate that our units gain situational awareness with extreme speed. TOGAN-M was specifically designed for agile units, featuring a setup time of under one minute and a compact structure that can be carried in a backpack by a single soldier.

"Its most significant differentiator from civilian counterparts is its electronic warfare resistance—equipped with STM's indigenous national algorithms—and its 'closed-to-internet' architecture that prioritizes data security. Operating in full compatibility with military map overlays and coordinate systems, TOGAN-M offers a cost-effective solution that eliminates foreign dependency in both rural and urban operations."

EW Resistant and Autonomous

TOGAN-M is capable of 24/7 uninterrupted surveillance via its 4K day and high-precision thermal (night) camera systems mounted on a 3-axis stabilized gimbal. Thanks to its frequency-hopping communication system, the UAV demonstrates high resistance against jamming. In the event of a link loss, it can continue seamless data transmission via an LTE connection that activates autonomously.

Even in GNSS-denied (satellite-free) environments,TOGAN-M can perform autonomous take-off and landing using its optical flow camera, and can be safely deployed across all challenging terrains for the autonomous detection and tracking of both stationary and moving targets.

Türkiye Solidifies Air Power with KAAN, ANKA Serial Production Contracts

The Presidency of Defence Industries (SSB) and Turkish Aerospace Industries (TUSAŞ) have formalised a landmark supply contract for the mass production of the KAAN fifth-generation fighter and the ANKA-3 unmanned combat aerial vehicle (UCAV). Signed on 6 May 2026 during the SAHA EXPO International Defence and Aerospace Exhibition, the agreement marks the definitive transition of Türkiye's premier aerospace programmes from experimental prototyping to industrial-scale manufacturing.

Industrial Scale and Delivery

The contract establishes a concrete procurement timeline for the Turkish Air Force (TurAF), focusing on the initial delivery of 20 KAAN aircraft in the Block-10 configuration between 2028 and 2030. This phase is designed to provide the service with initial operational capability while the domestic TF35000 engine is integrated into subsequent Block-30 platforms. Concurrently, the agreement covers the serial production of over 50 ANKA-3 flying-wing stealth drones, which are slated to operate as "loyal wingmen" alongside crewed assets.

Strategic Autonomy

The signing is a strategic move to reduce Turkish reliance on external suppliers and progressively replace the ageing F-16 fleet from the 2030s. The industrial commitment provides the necessary predictability for the domestic supply chain, which now involves hundreds of local sub-contractors. SSB President Haluk Görgün stated during the ceremony, "Starting from 2028, we aim to deliver 20 Block-10 KAAN aircraft to the HKK by the end of 2030."

Manned-Unmanned Teaming

A core highlight of the SAHA 2026 showcase was the demonstration of the KAAN operating in a coordinated formation with the ANKA-3. This Manned-Unmanned Teaming (MUM-T) concept allows the crewed fighter to function as a command node, distributing strike and electronic warfare tasks to stealthy unmanned platforms. TUSAŞ CEO Mehmet Demiroğlu noted that the contract is essential for "advancing KAAN towards serial production," ensuring that the integration of these high-tech systems remains on schedule for the turn of the decade.

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Contract Amendment for HAVELSAN's BARKAN 3

The international defense community converged upon the Istanbul Expo Centre this week for SAHA Expo 2026, where Turkish land systems manufacturers aggressively positioned their latest unmanned platforms for the global market. During the exhibition, Turkish defense software and systems powerhouse HAVELSAN and the Presidency of Defence Industries formalised a contract amendment covering the Version 3 configuration of the BARKAN Unmanned Ground Vehicle (UGV). This development marks a significant evolution for the platform, which originally entered the Turkish Armed Forces inventory in 2023.

Enhanced Operational Capabilities

The BARKAN 3 represents a shift in HAVELSAN's design philosophy, moving from fixed specifications toward a system shaped directly by operational feedback from field deployments. The platform now features a modular architecture that allows for the rapid integration of various weapon systems and mission kits, ranging from reconnaissance tools to direct engagement payloads. According to HAVELSAN, "With BARKAN 3, the shift becomes more visible what defines the system is no longer only what it carries, but how effectively it responds to changing conditions in the field".

Technical Innovations Defined

The BARKAN 3 has been engineered to operate in GPS-denied environments, utilizing an AI-supported perception layer that fuses data from multiple sensors to maintain navigation. The vehicle, which weighs approximately 1,000 kg without a payload, can reach speeds of 25 km/h and manage 60% slopes. A resilient communication structure has been implemented to ensure continuity under intense electronic warfare conditions, a critical requirement for modern multi-layered operational scenarios. Furthermore, the system supports coordinated swarm operations while maintaining "human in the loop control for critical decisions".

Regional Strategic Importance

For Southeast Asian observers, the debut of BARKAN 3 at SAHA Expo follows HAVELSAN's significant presence at the Defence Services Asia (DSA) 2026 exhibition held in Kuala Lumpur last month. Industry executives noted that the modularity of the BARKAN 3 is particularly suited for nations such as Malaysia and Indonesia, where platforms must often fulfill multiple roles due to budgetary constraints. The ongoing partnership between HAVELSAN and Malaysia's MIMOS International Venture Sdn Bhd (MIVSB) further underscores Turkey's growing role as a strategic technology partner in the Asia-Pacific.

YDS Showcases Advanced Tactical Gear and Footwear

Yakupoğlu Deri Sanayi (YDS), a prominent Turkish manufacturer of tactical footwear and apparel, is highlighting its extensive range of high-performance military equipment at SAHA EXPO 2026. As one of the largest manufacturers of its kind in Europe, YDS continues to demonstrate its role as a key supplier for both the Turkish Armed Forces and international defense and security agencies.

The company's display focuses on its core expertise in footwear, featuring combat boots engineered with dual-density rubber (DDR) injection technology. This process creates a robust outer skin for durability while maintaining a lightweight, shock-absorbing midsole for operator comfort. Many of the models on display incorporate advanced

materials from global partners, including GORE-TEX for waterproofing and Vibram for high-traction outsoles.

Beyond footwear, YDS has expanded its presence at the exhibition to include a comprehensive range of tactical clothing and protective equipment. The portfolio includes flame-retardant uniforms, waterproof jackets, and moisture-wicking underlayers designed for various operational environments. These textile offerings are complemented by specialized public order gear for police and emergency services, alongside ballistic protection solutions such as safety glasses featuring anti-fog coatings and impact-resistant polycarbonate lenses.

With an annual production capacity exceeding six million pairs of boots, YDS leverages its independent SATRA-accredited laboratory to ensure all products meet stringent NATO and European standards. The company's participation at SAHA EXPO underscores its commitment to integrating advanced technical fabrics, such as CORDURA and Coolmax, into indigenous Turkish manufacturing to meet the evolving needs of modern warfare. As YDS continues to export to over 50 countries, its showcase in Istanbul serves as a strategic platform to engage with international delegations and solidify its position in the global defence supply chain.

Debut for STM's TENGİZ XLUUV, YAKTU KUSV

STM unveiled TENGİZ, the largest member of its Autonomous Unmanned Underwater Family, and YAKTU, a Swarm Kamikaze Unmanned Surface Vehicle (KUSV) on the third day of the ongoing SAHA-2026.

Positioned as an Extra Large Unmanned Underwater Vehicle (XLUUV), TENGİZ is set to become a game-changing force multiplier in maritime defense with its flexible mission profile, heavy torpedo launch capability, smart loitering munition integration, and advanced autonomous features.

TENGİZ offers a multi-purpose operational structure to meet the core requirements of underwater warfare. The platform performs Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR) missions, as well as target-tracking and barrier-patrol duties within the scope of Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW). Additionally, TENGİZ is utilized for Electronic Warfare (EW), Signals Intelligence (SIGINT), and seabed mapping. It plays a critical role in to inspecting underwater infrastructure and can conduct offensive mine warfare by deploying mines in designated transit routes.

Equipped to launch both heavy and very light torpedoes, TENGİZ operates with a "mothership" architecture, capable of housing and deploying the STM NETA 300 autonomous underwater vehicle and the ALPAGUT smart loitering munition system from depth. Integrated into the network-centric warfare concept via the ADVENT Command and Control system, the platform ensures seamless data transmission through satellite communication (SATCOM). Compatible with 40-foot ISO container dimensions, TENGİZ offers superior strategic mobility, allowing for autonomous deployment from port facilities, logistics support vessels, or well-deck-equipped ships such as the TCG ANADOLU (LHD).

Belonging to the Extra Large Unmanned Underwater Vehicle (XLUUV) category, TENGİZ features a length of 11.2 meters, a diameter of 1.6 meters, and a displacement of 17.8 tons. Capable of operating at depths exceeding 400 meters, the platform reaches speeds of over 8 knots.

"Our journey in autonomous unmanned underwater vehicles began with the high-precision STM NETA 300," said Özgür Güleryüz, General Manager of STM, "Following the successful completion of NETA 300's sea trials, we are now expanding this family with new medium and large-class members. TENGİZ stands out as the largest and most capable platform in this lineup.

"It is engineered to execute nearly all critical missions typically performed by conventional submarines—ranging from intelligence and mine warfare to torpedo engagement - all while operating autonomously and eliminating risks to human personnel. With its 'mothership' concept and immense payload capacity, TENGİZ solidifies our technological standing in the subsurface domain."

YAKTU KUSV

Engineered to meet the asymmetric demands of today's operational environments, ranging from port protection to open-sea engagements, the STM YAKTU KUSV delivers high-lethality performance through indigenous engineering and a speed exceeding 50 knots.

"This is more than a high-speed strike platform; it is a strategic force multiplier powered by AI-enabled autonomous architecture and swarm capabilities," said Güleryüz. "By enabling coordinated multi-unit operations, the YAKTU can overwhelm defense systems through multi-vector engagements, offering a cost-effective, high-precision solution for penetrating modern defense layers. We remain committed to advancing autonomous technologies to the highest standards for global maritime security."

Optimized for precision strike missions against strategic surface targets, YAKTU features a compact 5.8-meter-long platform designed to minimize detectability. With a maximum speed exceeding 50 knots, the system enables rapid engagement of maneuvering surface targets. Its operational range exceeds 200 nautical miles, providing an extended operational envelope for diverse mission profiles. The platform's defining capability its swarm intelligence enables real-time data sharing and autonomous task allocation among multiple units. Developed with indigenous hardware and software architecture, YAKTU ensures uninterrupted network-centric warfare operations through both Line-of-Sight (LOS) and Satellite Communication (SATCOM), maintaining operational superiority in contested environments.

ASELSAN's 2030 International Revenue Target Ambitious and Achievable: Ahmet Akyol

ASELSAN is confident about reaching its goal of earning 30% of its annual revenue from international markets by 2030, but the focus is not just on reaching a numerical target but on building a sustainable and diversified international presence, says **Ahmet Akyol, President and CEO** of Türkiye's premier defense giant.

The company has adopted a balanced and opportunity-driven approach that considers the fact that different regions have different needs and dynamics, he tells **Arun Sivasankaran** in an interview. ASELSAN is focused on increasing on-the-ground presence in different regions, developing tailored solutions, and ensuring that its offerings remain adaptable to different operational environments, he adds.

"We see strong potential across the Middle East, Asia, Africa, and Latin America, where modernization efforts and evolving security requirements are driving demand for advanced and integrated solutions. "Our rising international profile continues to expand the range of opportunities available to us across these regions."

Please provide an overview of ASELSAN's role in the Steel Dome air defense project and recent developments related to the project.

The Steel Dome is a flagship national program, and we play a central role as a key integrator of many of its critical components, particularly in radar, electronic warfare, command-and-control, and overall system integration. At its core, Steel Dome is not a single system, but a fully integrated, layered air defense architecture that brings together sensors, effectors, and decision-support systems within a unified and network-centric structure.

We have progressed beyond the concept and development phase into tangible deployment. We have delivered and integrated a range of systems forming the initial operational layers of the architecture. Following the delivery of 47 systems last year, we anticipate delivering more than 100 systems in 2026. Our current focus is on expanding coverage, increasing production capacity, and enhancing system performance by introducing new capabilities across different layers. The project is being implemented through a strong cooperation model across the national defense ecosystem. Each contributor focuses on its area of expertise, while we ensure system-level integration, interoperability, and seamless coordination between all elements.

Steel Dome should be understood as a continuously evolving architecture rather than a fixed, one-time project. While initial operational capabilities are already in place, we will continue to expand and enhance the system in phases, adapting to emerging threats and operational requirements. The program will progressively mature over the years.

ASELSAN secured over US$2 billion in export contracts in 2025; why are the company's products in such demand?

ASELSAN's growing international demand is the result of a combination of technological depth, operational reliability, and a partnership-driven approach. At the core of our success is our ability to develop high-performance systems and bring them together as integrated, mission-ready solutions that address complex and evolving operational requirements. Another key factor is that our systems are field-proven and designed with real operational requirements in mind.

We prioritize long-term partnerships, offering flexible cooperation models that may include local production, technology transfer, joint development, and lifecycle support. We have established joint ventures across Europe, Asia, and the Middle East, and actively engage in MoUs and teaming agreements that incorporate technology transfer and collaborative development frameworks. We also strengthen our presence in key markets through local offices and subsidiaries, and by establishing MRO centers to support operational readiness. Today, we operate through a global network of 25 offices, and we aim to expand this footprint to 30 within the year.

How confident are you about achieving the company's goal of earning 30% of its annual revenue from international markets by 2030?

We see our 2030 international revenue target as both ambitious and achievable. In recent years, ASELSAN has significantly strengthened its global footprint, and the momentum we have built, particularly in terms of export contracts, international partnerships, and growing global visibility, gives us strong confidence moving forward.

Our presence in international defense discussions, as evidenced by our 43rd position in the Defense News Top 100 list, along with our achievement of ranking among the top 10 most valuable defense industry companies in Europe by market capitalization, underline the scale and trajectory of our growth.

We attach strong importance to expanding capacity. We executed roughly half of our total 2025 infrastructure investments in the first quarter of 2026. Financial sustainability is one of our top priorities.

We continue to expand our R&D investments and increasingly integrate artificial intelligence into our development processes. We are also strengthening our human capital base, particularly through a growing base of young engineering talent.

How focused is the company on enhancing production capabilities to meet increased demand?

Meeting increasing demand requires a comprehensive approach, and enhancing our production capabilities is certainly a key part of that effort. We are continuously investing in expanding and modernizing our production infrastructure, while also improving efficiency through digitalization, automation, and advanced manufacturing practices.

This commitment is further reinforced by our major investment in the Oğulbey Technology Base in Ankara, which is set to become the company's largest site and a cornerstone of its next 50 years. With an investment of approximately USD 1.5 billion, the base will cover over 735,000 square meters of enclosed space within a total area of 6.5 million square meters, equivalent to around 900 football stadiums.

The Oğulbey Technology Base is set to become operational in the second half of this year and will significantly enhance our serial production capacity, scalability, and ability to meet growing international demand.

During the recent visit of NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte to our facilities, we had the opportunity to present ASELSAN's advanced production capabilities, technological depth, and our role in supporting NATO's evolving defense needs. His visit highlighted the importance of resilient, high-capacity defense industrial partners within the Alliance and reinforced ASELSAN's position as a trusted contributor.

How will a battlefield look like ten years from now? How is ASELSAN equipping militaries around the world to adapt to evolving threats?

Over the next decade, we expect the battlefield to become significantly more complex, multi-domain, and data-driven. The distinction between air, land, sea, space, and cyber domains will continue to blur, with operations increasingly coordinated across all of them in real time. Autonomous and unmanned systems will play a much larger role, while electronic warfare, cyber capabilities, and spectrum dominance will become decisive factors in gaining operational advantage.

The pace of decision-making will accelerate, making speed, connectivity, and resilience as critical as traditional firepower. The products we have recently unveiled have been designed with this evolving battlespace in mind, where survivability will depend not only on platform performance, but on the ability to operate within a highly networked and contested ecosystem.

We are equipping armed forces with integrated solutions that bring together layered air defense elements such as KORKUT, GÖKBERK, and SİPER under a unified architecture, supported by advanced ground-based sensors and radars such as ALP, which provide critical early warning and tracking within the air defense network.

In parallel, airborne sensor systems such as the MURAD AESA Radar enhance the effectiveness of air platforms by delivering high-performance sensor data for air-to-air and air-to-ground missions, while also contributing to the broader operational picture through network-enabled capabilities. Electronic warfare systems such as KORAL, VURAL, and ILGAR further complement this architecture.

Our avionics solutions including TULGAR and AVCI, as well as secure communication systems like ASTELA and T-LINK, enable seamless data exchange and coordinated operations across platforms.

We are expanding operational flexibility through precision-guidance technologies such as the TOLUN family, GÖZDE, LGK, and KGK, and enhancing situational awareness with electro-optical systems like ASELFLIR and ASELPOD. Our integrated security solutions, including systems such as SARP, ACAR, and aselZone, support force protection in complex and asymmetric environments. Across the naval domain, platforms such as GÖKDENİZ, MARLIN, and advanced sonar and underwater systems further extend this integrated operational picture.

We are also investing heavily in digitalization, AI, and autonomous systems to strengthen this ecosystem. We see the future battlefield as one defined by integration, adaptability, and information superiority and we are positioning ourselves to support our partners with solutions that deliver exactly that.

Türkiye a Logical Place to Look as We Consider Rearming: Canada's DIA CEO Guzman

As the Chief Executive Officer of Canada's Defence Investment Agency (DIA), **Doug Guzman** is on something of a mission - to identify partners that would help the county not only to reduce its long-standing dependence on the United States for defence procurement but also to enhance domestic manufacturing capabilities.

He is now in Türkiye and likes what he sees.

Guzman, who is heading the Canadian delegation at SAHA 2026, is impressed by the event and the heft of Türkiye's domestic defence industry. "It is one of the biggest trade shows that I have been in in my life. It really puts on display the journey the country has covered to build the capabilities that it has, and in such a short time. In many ways, that is the journey that we are just beginning in Canada."

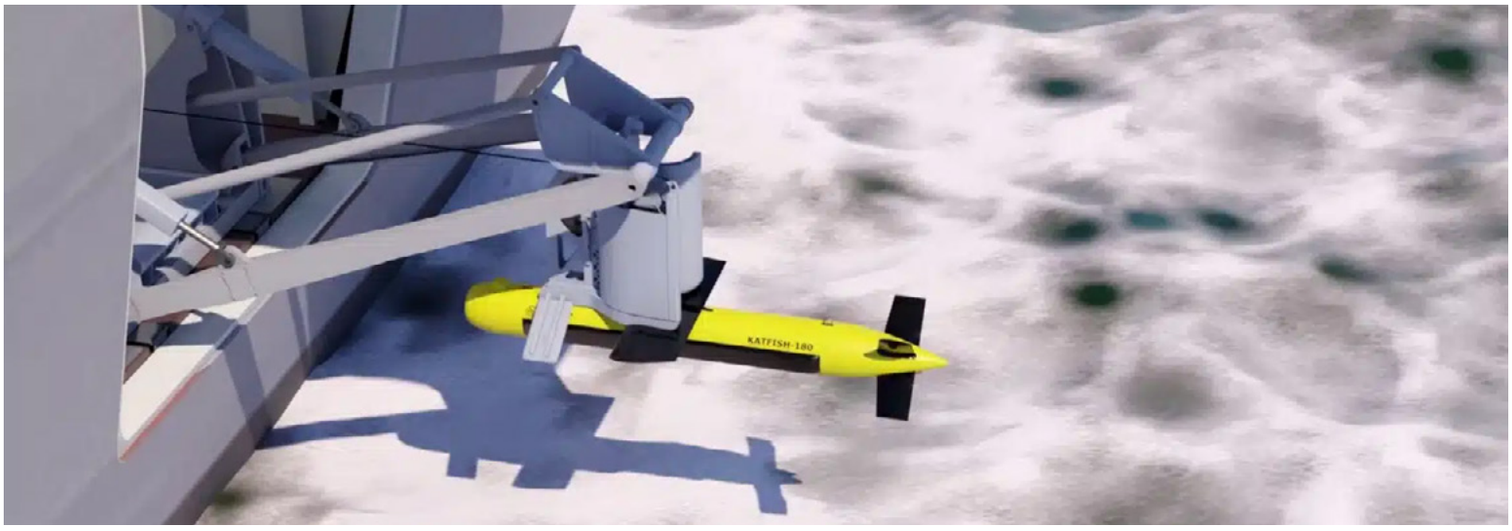
Guzman is encouraged by the response he and members of the Canadian delegation have received in Istanbul. "We have felt very welcome. The message from the top of the government in Türkiye down has been that on the list of partners that we favor, we would like to see more activity with Canada. On the list of countries that we would be willing to invest, we like Canada as a concept. That is a good start. We have a larger group of companies here this time than we ever had. Just based on the capabilities that Türkiye has; I know that this is one of the countries where Canadian companies would be looking for partnerships."

Türkiye's defence sector grew significantly in both capability and export volume following US sanctions; the country is now 11th on the global list of top weapons exporters. Given the changed geopolitical situation and Ottawa's decision to depend on multiple partners around the world for its defence needs, Guzman believes there is a realistic chance of Turkish weapons finding their way into the Canadian military.

"About 70 percent of our purchasing power in defence goes to the U.S." he says. "That was less than one per cent of GDP a year ago. It is 2 per cent now and it will go up to 5 per cent. The country's GDP will grow. We are about a US$ 3 trillion economy. If we go from below 1 per cent to 5 per cent, we will be going from US$30-40 billion of defence expenditure to US$150 billion. If we are quintupling our expenditure and trying to reduce our reliance on the U.S., there is a big gap to fill. Türkiye is a country that has the capabilities to fit in that gap."

Canada is rearming across the board aspart of its military modernization plan. The Canadian Patrol Submarine Project (CPSP) has narrowed its selection down to Hanwha Ocean and ThyssenKrupp Marine Systems (TKMS) while the air force is debating between the Lockheed Martin F-35A Lightning II and the Saab Gripen E to replace its CF-18 fleet. "When you tie in the submarine procurement with a new class of destroyers that we are building and the Arctic Over-the-Horizon Radar that we are building in partnership with BAE Systems Australia, that is a suite of activities in the Arctic that is quite important," says Guzman. "The army has a set of priorities – long range strike, armored mobility."

The UAV capabilities that Türkiye has are very significant, says Guzman. "We



are quite good at shipbuilding; in fact, we are really good at shipbuilding for the Arctic. Türkiye has larger capabilities of ships and larger quantities of shipbuilding. Given the level of investment Türkiye has made in the defence sector and our historical reliance on the U.S., the country has significant capabilities relative to Canada across the service- army, navy, air force, coast guard, and space. So, Türkiye would be a logical place to look as we consider rearming."

There are multiple reasons to believe that Türkiye and Canada can have a fruitful defence relationship, says Guzman. "It is fashionable these days to talk about middle powers and like-minded allies. The vision that the Prime Minister of Canada lays out is what he calls variable geometry, which is to say 'be pragmatic about your partners and where there is advantage, pursue that. If you cannot get all 30 countries of an alliance to agree, then pick the three or four you agree with.' In that respect, Canada and Türkiye have similarities – similar middle powers, NATO countries, advanced capabilities almost across the board."

Canada's defence industrial strategy, released a couple of months ago, is built around the philosophy of 'build, partner, buy.' "We have got an objective, like many in or new world, to be more self-sufficient from a military perspective," says Guzman. "If we can build in Canada because we have the capabilities or because we should, we will. If we can't do that, we would like to partner. It could be a Turkish company and a Canadian company, or government to government. If we must buy, we will buy quickly and in a way that will generate activity and economic growth in Canada."

Canada's defence industrial base has its strengths, says Guzman. "Shipbuilding is one; it is a good example of government-supported industrial success. We are quite strong in avionics, Space, quantum technologies and AI. These are areas that we should disproportionately fund and invest in so that 10-15 years from now, we have that to exchange with Türkiye or any other trade ally. We are in an advantageous position in terms of line of sight over the Arctic. Investing in over the horizon radars, submarines and sensors will allow Canada to play our part for NATO as well as our North American and European allies."

Just as Türkiye is an attractive destination for Canadian companies, Canada has a lot to offer for defence firms that are looking to expand their footprint, believes Guzman. "Given the country's size, we are not going to have the scale to build major weapons systems. We are a good place to manufacture. We have a skilled workforce. We are not closed to immigration. Particularly at the high end of the workforce right now, we are a destination of choice. We have a production environment that is appealing for companies. There are a number of parts of the military value chain that are at capacity with what is going on in the world. For a global defence company that is looking for a North American production location to serve local needs and that of exports markets elsewhere, Canada would be logical place to consider.

"We are a good country from which to export," adds Guzman. "We have companies in other countries say that if we set up an operation in your country, we like the Canadian brand as we export around the world. We have a lot of talent, as has Türkiye. These places quite complement each other."

Canada has vibrant relationships with South Korea, Japan, New Zealand, and Australia. "In our defence industrial strategy, we actually name NATO, Japan, South Korea, and Australia. It is a broad group. We are diversifying," Guzman says.

Ukrainan Defence Industry Highlights Potential

A high-profile Ukrainian delegation comprising 22 specialized defense firms has established a robust presence at the ongoing SAHA 2026, showcasing combat-proven technologies ranging from advanced drone systems to heavy aerospace turbines.

The exhibition, organized by SAHA Istanbul, serves as a critical junction for the integration of Ukrainian battlefield innovation into the broader North Atlantic and Asia-Pacific supply chains.

Strategic Industrial Partnerships

The Ukrainian pavilion underscores a strategic shift from immediate wartime procurement to long-term industrial sustainability and joint production. The country's participation is centralized around the exchange of real-time battlefield data and the co-development of unmanned systems, a sector where Ukrainian firms have demonstrated unprecedented rapid prototyping capabilities.

Diverse Array

A diverse array of Ukrainian entities are at the show. They include ADELIX, AIDRONESUA, BTRY.ENERGY, CHAKLUN, EDRONE, F-DRONES, FED, FIRE POINT, GRIM TECH, IVCHENKO PROGRESS,

MOTOR SICH, MOTOR-G, PHANTOM DEFENCE, RAROG AEROSPACE, RAROG TACTICAL GEAR, RENDROCK UKRAINE, SKY LAB, SPECTRE INDUSTRIES, STRUMKO ENERGY, UKRINFORM, VYRIY INDUSTRY, and ZBROYA. Most of these entities are situated within Salon 1 and Salon 4, emphasizing their roles in aerospace propulsion and unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) development.

Regional Implications

The deepening ties between Ukrainian defense manufacturers and international partners carry substantial weight for the Asia-Pacific security architecture. Regional powers are closely observing the performance of Ukrainian loitering munitions and electronic warfare suites for potential integration into multi-domain defense strategies.

The event features 203 new product launches, many of which involve technologies designed to operate in GPS-denied environments. These innovations offer vital lessons for Southeast Asian nations currently modernizing their maritime and border surveillance capabilities amidst evolving geopolitical tensions.

Unmanned Systems Capability

A central highlight of the Ukrainian showcase is the focus on autonomous systems and energy solutions. Companies such as BTRY.ENERGY and Strumko Energy are presenting specialized power units essential for long-endurance drone operations, while firms like Sky Lab and Vyriy Industry are displaying advanced tactical platforms.

Industry and Technology Minister Mehmet Fatih Kacır noted during the opening ceremony that Türkiye remains committed to building "cross-alliance, interoperable digital infrastructure." This commitment provides a stable framework for Ukrainian firms to export their combat-tested expertise to global markets, including the growing defense sectors of the Indo-Pacific.

GÖKBÖRÜ is Attracting Plenty of Attention

Elektroland Defence's multi-purpose unmanned ground vehicle (UGV) GÖKBÖRÜ is turning heads at the ongoing SAHA 2026.

The domestically developed UGV can reach speeds of up to 30 kilometers per hour. It has a carrying capacity of 800 kilograms. One of the highlights of the vehicle is that it can operate on 70% steep inclines and 45% side slopes. GÖKBÖRÜ has higher mobility in challenging terrains than most other UGVs of its because it is equipped with independent front, rear, right and left wheel groups. This helps it keep the payload stable even on unstable terrains; the vehicle is capable of operating on mountains, mud, desert, and forests.

The UGV's debut at the show is in keeping with the general trend of militaries and players in commercial sectors moving away from manned assets and inducting unmanned systems. The company's aim is to produce efficient, low-cost, multi-functional systems that can be used not only in the defence sector but also to protect forests, coastal areas and agricultural lands. According to Elektroland Defence's General Manager Ferhat Uğur, the UGV is an improved version of the robotic system that NASA sent to Mars and has been tailored to suit the country's geographical conditions.

As the UGV's software, hardware, electronic and mechanical systems have been developed with domestic resources, it can be repaired and put back into the field without delay. According to company officials, the unique qualities of the UGV has attracted potential international buyers, with the sale of 30 units to a European country already finalized.

Among the other products that the company has in its portfolio are the BOĞAÇ 6x6 UGV, the HANÇER medium class UGV on which weapon integration is possible, the lightweight class autonomous unmanned exploration vehicle, and the RoboFire firefighting robot that has heat resistance up to 100 degrees and 4-hour continuous operation capability.

Maccaferri Presents High-Performance Defensive Barriers

Maccaferri is exhibiting its comprehensive range of modular force protection solutions at the SAHA 2026 International Defence and Aerospace Exhibition. A primary focus of the company's presence this year is the EBS MAC system, a versatile cellular containment barrier designed to protect personnel and infrastructure from a wide array of ballistic and blast threats.

The EBS MAC units, constructed from welded wire mesh and reinforced with heavy-duty geotextile liners, are engineered for rapid deployment in the field. These barriers are supplied in a collapsed state and can be filled with locally sourced materials, such as sand or earth, to create immediate defensive perimeters. The system is available in a variety of dimensions to suit specific mission requirements, ranging from compact units measuring 0.61 m x 0.61 m x 1.22 m (H x W x L) to large-scale configurations reaching 2.74 m x 1.06 m x 3.18 m. For extensive perimeter security, the range also includes units as large as 2.13 m x 1.06 m x 33 m.

To ensure visual integration with different operational environments, Maccaferri offers these barriers in standard green or beige finishes. Beyond the EBS MAC series, the company's portfolio includes the MacSafe system, which is specifically designed for hostile vehicle incursion (HVI) prevention and the protection of critical infrastructure against vehicle-borne threats.

While the company's broader brochure features solutions such as the FlexMac DT for flood and emergency protection, the emphasis at SAHA 2026 remains firmly on the modular EBS MAC series. This system continues to be a staple in military engineering for the construction of bunkers, checkpoints, and ammunition storage areas.

Rochester Electronics Expands Defence Lifecycle Support Presence

Rochester Electronics is presenting its semiconductor lifecycle management capabilities aimed at supporting long-term sustainment requirements across the defence and aerospace sectors.

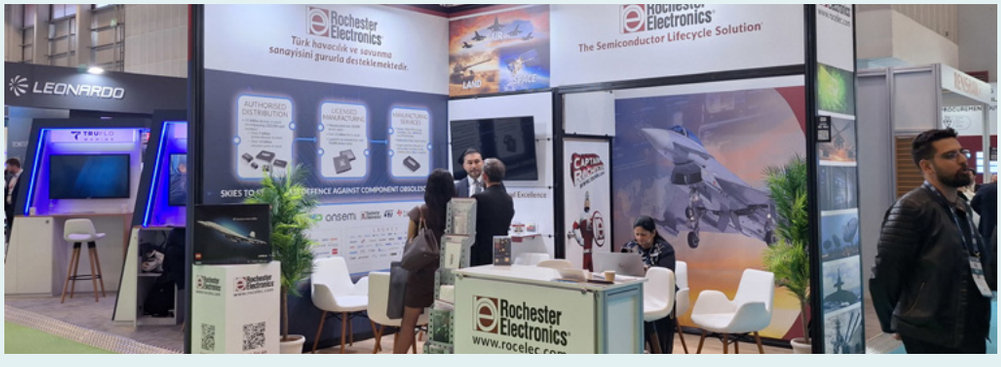
Founded in 1981 and headquartered in Newburyport, the company specialises in providing authorised support for legacy and end-of-life semiconductors used in mission-critical systems, particularly where operational platforms remain in service far longer than typical commercial semiconductor production cycles.

Rochester Electronics works with more than 70 original component manufacturers (OCMs), enabling the company to continue supplying discontinued devices through licensed manufacturing agreements and archived intellectual property. The approach allows defence operators and integrators to maintain existing systems without extensive redesign or requalification efforts.

The company states that it maintains an inventory exceeding 15 billion devices alongside a large semiconductor die bank, supporting the continued availability of more than 70,000 component types. Rochester also emphasises supply-chain assurance and anti-counterfeiting measures, areas of growing importance for defence and aerospace procurement.

Its capabilities are supported by several industry and defence certifications, including ITAR registration, MIL-PRF-38535 Qualified Manufacturers List certification for military and space applications, MIL-STD-883 testing compliance, and AS9120B quality management certification for aerospace and defence distribution.

In 2025, Rochester Electronics further expanded its engagement with the European defence and aerospace ecosystem through its membership in ADS Toulouse, supporting closer cooperation with regional industry partners.



Meteksan Secures İHARAD Radar Contract

The Presidency of Defence Industries (SSB) of Türkiye has officially signed a procurement agreement with Meteksan Defence for the mass production of the İnsan Hakları İzleme ve Araştırma Radarı (İHARAD), a specialized radar system designed to detect and track low-altitude drone threats. This signing ceremony took place during the second day of the SAHA EXPO 2026 International Defence and Aerospace Exhibition in Istanbul. The agreement marks a critical advancement in Türkiye's multi-layered defense architecture, specifically targeting the rising global challenge of micro and mini-unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs).

The İHARAD system utilizes advanced Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) and Moving Target Indicator (MTI) technologies to provide high-resolution imaging and classification of aerial targets. According to technical briefings provided at the exhibition, the radar features a 360-degree azimuth coverage and a high-elevation antenna beam, allowing for the simultaneous detection of fast-moving maneuvering targets and low-speed ground objects. This capability is vital for protecting critical infrastructure, such as airports and power plants, against asymmetric aerial surveillance and kamikaze drone attacks.

Additional reporting from the Anadolu Agency confirmed the broader context of the TL260 billion (US$8 billion) in total transaction volume projected for the 2026 edition of the trade show, which features over 1,700 exhibitors from more than 120 countries.

Strategic Industrial Advancement

The development of İHARAD represents a significant shift for the Turkish defence industry as it moves toward higher-frequency, indigenous sensor solutions. Haluk Görgün, President of the SSB, emphasized the strategic importance of domestic production during the ceremony. "During this fair, we expect contracts worth around US$8 billion to be signed," Görgün stated, noting that the country now fulfills the vast majority of its defense requirements through its own industrial ecosystem. He further highlighted that Turkish defense exports reached a milestone of US$10.5 billion in the previous fiscal year.

Meteksan Defence General Manager Adil Baktır underscored the company's commitment to providing combat-proven technology to both domestic and international markets. "SAHA 2026 is an important platform for showcasing our advanced technologies and combat proven systems," Baktır said. He noted that the İHARAD project would further strengthen the company's portfolio of "innovative sensor technology and signal processing algorithms," reinforcing Meteksan's role as a leading provider of perimeter security and electronic warfare solutions.

Regional Maritime Implications

For the Asia-Pacific region, the expansion of Turkish radar technology like İHARAD offers an alternative to Western and Chinese ISR systems. Southeast Asian nations, including Malaysia and Indonesia, have increasingly sought Turkish defense solutions that offer high performance without the restrictive export conditions often associated with other global powers. The availability of indigenous Turkish sensors provides these nations with greater strategic autonomy and a more resilient supply chain.

The İHARAD system is particularly suited for maritime domain awareness and border security in the South China Sea and the Malacca Strait, where persistent humidity and cloud cover often limit the effectiveness of traditional optical sensors. By offering a robust radar-based detection suite that is not subject to major power political alignments, Meteksan positions itself as a key strategic partner for regional militaries seeking to upgrade their coastal monitoring capabilities against increasingly sophisticated drone threats.

GE Aerospace and Turkish Aerospace Sign HÜRJET F404 Engine Deal

GE Aerospace's F404 engine, a combat-tested and reliable engine widely used in advanced trainer and fighter aircraft around the world, will power the HÜRJET aircraft.

An agreement to this effect was signed by GE Aerospace and Turkish Aerospace on the opening day of the ongoing SAHA 2026. It also ensures continued technical and operational support for the HÜRJET program as it expands its footprint and advances future variants.

HÜRJET is is designed to meet modern training requirements, offering advanced avionics, high performance, and operational flexibility for air forces seeking next-generation solutions. Sixteen nations have F404-powered aircraft in operation or on order.

"The HÜRJET Jet Trainer represents a significant forward-looking threshold for our aerospace and defense capabilities, and this agreement serves as a critical milestone for the program," said Dr. Mehmet Demiroğlu, President and CEO of Turkish Aerospace. "Our long-standing collaboration with GE Aerospace continues to provide critical propulsion capabilities that support HÜRJET's success as a modern, reliable, and competitive training platform. This agreement further reinforces our vision and industrial capabilities."

"We are honored by the trust Turkish Aerospace places in GE Aerospace as a propulsion partner for advanced military aircraft and the growing momentum behind the HÜRJET program," said Rita Flaherty, VP, Global Sales & BD for GE Aerospace Defense & Systems. "We are proud to support Turkish Aerospace as HÜRJET makes its mark on the global stage and to contribute to Türkiye's continued rise as a key player in the defense and aerospace ecosystem."

TEI, a joint venture company between GE Aerospace and Turkish Aerospace established in 1985, is one of the region's most successful aerospace partnerships. GE Aerospace and Turkish Aerospace have been strategic partners for nearly four decades, dating back to F110 engines powering the Turkish Air Force's F-16 fleet. Since then, the partnership has expanded across multiple aerospace and defense programs, including KAAN, powered by GE Aerospace F110 engines, and HÜRJET, powered by F404 engines.

DroneShield Features Counter-drone Systems

Australia-based DroneShield featured its counter-drone and electronic warfare systems at the SAHA 2026 defense and aerospace exhibition, highlighting technologies designed to detect, track and neutralize unmanned aerial threats used by military forces, law enforcement agencies, airports and critical infrastructure operators worldwide.

With operations in Australia and the United States, the DroneShield provides counter-UAS solutions focused on radio-frequency sensing, artificial intelligence and machine learning, sensor fusion, electronic warfare, rapid prototyping, and MIL-SPEC manufacturing.

Among company's portfolio includes the RfPatrol Mk2, a next-generation wearable system that provides real-time airspace awareness for soldiers, law enforcement and security personnel.

Compact and designed to integrate with existing gear, the device detects drone signals using software-defined radio technology and an AI-driven detection engine. It alerts operators through visual, audible or haptic cues, allowing rapid response without affecting mobility. The system operates for up to eight hours on a rechargeable battery and is built for use in harsh environments.

DroneShield also showcased its DroneGun Mk4, a lightweight, portable jammer designed for single-operator use. The system disrupts drone control, video and navigation signals across multiple frequency bands, including satellite navigation systems, effectively neutralizing threats while minimizing disruption to surrounding environments. Built with a rugged design and modular components, it is intended for rapid deployment in field conditions.

Another system the company sells is the DroneGun Tactical, offers longer-range counter-drone capability. Equipped with directional antennas, it can disrupt a wide range of commercial and military-grade drones while keeping the aircraft intact for potential forensic analysis. The system is designed for ease of use, with minimal training required, and can operate independently or as part of a layered counter-drone defence network.

DroneShield said its systems are designed to integrate into existing operations, reflecting growing demand for portable, interoperable solutions to address evolving unmanned aerial threats.

Aselsan Expands Naval Footprint with Indonesia Contracts

Turkish defense giant Aselsan has formalised two significant export agreements with Indonesia during the SAHA 2026 International Defence, Aerospace and Space Industry Expo in Istanbul. The contracts, signed on 6 May 2026, represent a deepened strategic partnership between Ankara and Jakarta as the latter seeks to modernise its maritime and communication capabilities. These agreements focus on the provision of advanced Unmanned Surface Vehicle (USV) payloads and mission-critical communication systems to be integrated across the Indonesian Armed Forces and the Indonesian Navy.

The signing ceremony took place at the Aselsan exhibition stand with the participation of Aselsan Chief Executive Officer Ahmet Akyol. The official documents were signed by Aselsan Deputy General Manager Özgür Taylan Sarı and PT Republic Director Ivandry Febriando Sitepo. This development follows a pattern of increasing Turkish defense exports to the Asia-Pacific region, where nations are prioritising autonomous systems and secure networking to manage vast maritime territories.

The first contract involves the integration of Turkish-made payloads into Indonesian unmanned maritime platforms. While specific financial details were not disclosed at the event, the agreements are part of a broader trend of Indonesia adopting Turkish technology, following previous acquisitions of Bayraktar drones. These latest payloads are expected to enhance Indonesia's intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (ISR) capabilities in the North Natuna Sea and other strategically sensitive littoral zones.

The second agreement focuses on mission-critical communication systems designed to ensure seamless interoperability between different branches of the Indonesian military. Aselsan has stated that these systems are engineered to operate in contested electronic warfare environments, providing secure data links for both manned and unmanned assets. This technical integration is critical for Indonesia's "Minimum Essential Force" strategy, which aims to create a more agile and digitally connected defense structure.

The deal underscores the shifting procurement landscape as regional powers diversify their defense suppliers away from traditional Western and Russian sources. For Turkey, Indonesia serves as a vital gateway into the Southeast Asian market, providing a proven track record for its indigenous "Steel Dome" and naval technologies. Industry analysts suggest that the local involvement of Indonesian firm PT Republic indicates a long-term commitment to technology transfer and local maintenance support.

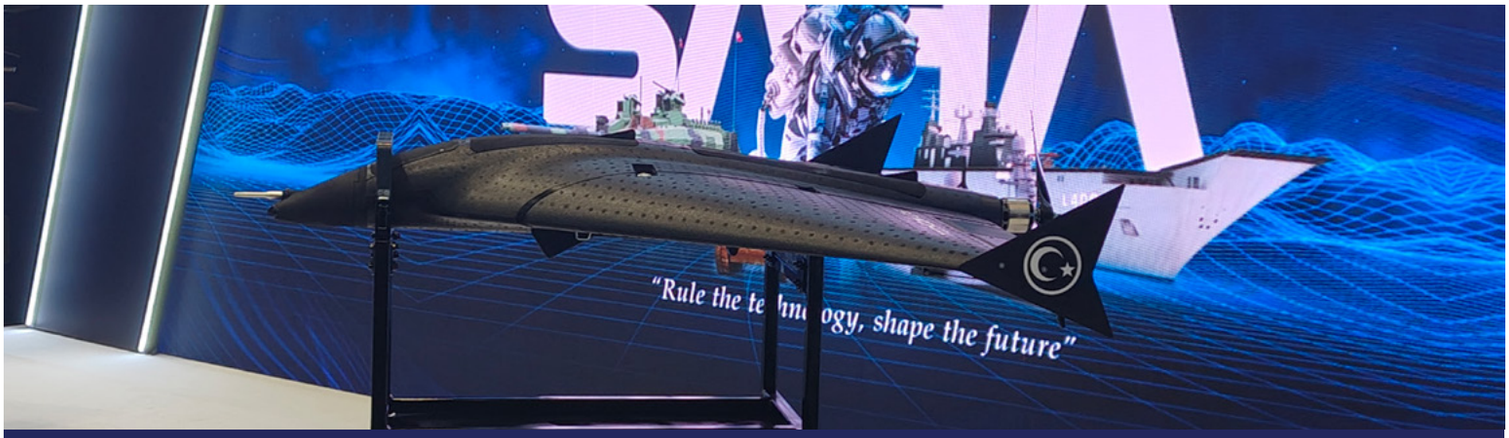
This bilateral cooperation reflects the growing importance of the "Middle Power" partnership between Turkey and Indonesia in the global defense supply chain. By securing these contracts, Aselsan solidifies its position as a Tier-1 provider of naval electronics in a region increasingly defined by maritime security challenges. The integration of these systems is expected to commence in late 2026, marking a new chapter in Jakarta's efforts to achieve maritime domain awareness through autonomous technology.

Canca Showcases Specialised Ammunition Components

Canca Savunma Sanayi (Canca), a prominent Turkish manufacturer of ammunition components, is highlighting its specialised range of projectiles and steel cores at the SAHA 2026 International Defence and Aerospace Exhibition. Established in 1991, the Istanbul-based company remains a critical private-sector contributor to the regional defence supply chain, operating as a key subcontractor for Turkey's state-owned Mechanical and Chemical Industry Corporation (MKE).

At the exhibition, Canca is presenting its comprehensive portfolio of projectiles, which spans from small to medium calibres of 5.56 mm up to 20 mm. The company is particularly noted for its precision-engineered steel cores, including the 5.56 mm x 45 mm SS109 and 7.62 mm x 51 mm (M61) variants. These components are essential for armor-piercing and high-performance ball ammunition used by NATO-standard infantry rifles and machine guns.

The company's display also features larger calibre components, such as the 12.7 mm M8 API (Armor Piercing Incendiary) steel cores and 20 mm M56 projectile bodies. Recent industrial investments have enabled Canca to expand its capabilities into full 12.7 mm x 99 mm FMJ production lines, reflecting a move toward more integrated manufacturing processes.



Skydagger Expands Unmanned Fleet at Trade Show

The Turkish defense contractor Skydagger has utilized the SAHA EXPO 2026 International Defence and Aerospace Exhibition to unveil a comprehensive expansion of its unmanned systems portfolio. During the event held at the Istanbul Expo Center, the firm displayed its evolving transition from small-scale tactical rotors to sophisticated fixed-wing loitering munitions and specialized interceptors. This strategic expansion aligns with the broader Turkish defense industry objective of achieving a self-sufficient ecosystem capable of mass-producing low-cost, high-technology attrition platforms for modern peer-to-peer conflicts.

Technical specifications showcased at the exhibition reveal a tiered approach to battlefield requirements, ranging from a 3.5-inch mini drone to a 15-inch heavy-lift multirotor. The most significant additions to the lineup include the fixed-wing TOYCA-05 and the upcoming TOYCA-10 and Dart variants, which represent a shift toward long-range strike capabilities. These platforms feature tailless delta-wing configurations and are designed for modularity, utilizing a cargo bay-style housing that allows for varied payloads beyond the standard five-kilogram high-explosive fragmentation warheads currently in use.

Skydagger has now delivered over 40,000 drones across its global operations, with its technology currently active in more than 19 countries. The company has also established a robust educational framework, having trained over 1,000 personnel in unmanned aerial vehicle operation and maintenance. Industry analysts note that this rapid scaling is supported by a localization rate exceeding 80 per cent, with the firm aiming for full domestic production of all critical components by the end of the current fiscal year.

Regional Integration Efforts

Low-cost loitering munitions are increasingly viewed as essential for asymmetric maritime and border security. By offering "tailor-made" production models that bridge the gap between high-cost Western systems and mass-produced Chinese alternatives, Skydagger is positioning itself as a primary supplier for many nations. The firm's focus on swarm intelligence and mesh communication protocols provides a versatile solution for regional militaries seeking to modernize their reconnaissance and strike capabilities without the prohibitive costs of traditional manned aviation.

Integration remains a core pillar of the company's current roadmap, with active efforts to pair Skydagger munitions with larger platforms such as the Bayraktar TB3 and the Kizilelma unmanned fighter. This "carrier-and-swarm" concept allows for dozens of smaller drones to be released from a single airborne or naval mother-ship, significantly extending the operational reach and lethality of existing fleets. According to Skydagger CEO Mehmet Oztekin, the goal is "sustainable, high-volume, rapid, and affordable manufacturing of unmanned aerial vehicles and kamikaze systems, producing them quickly and delivering them to the user."

Advanced Interceptor Capabilities

The exhibition also highlighted the AVCI (Hunter) Interceptor UAV, a dedicated counter-UAS platform designed to neutralize enemy drones through kinetic impact. The AVCI utilizes a hybrid quad-rotor and fixed-wing configuration, allowing it to reach pursuit speeds of 320 kilometers per hour. This capability addresses a critical gap in regional air defense, providing a cost-effective "hard-kill" solution against Class 1 and Class 2 surveillance drones. The system's ability to operate autonomously using TV-guided homing makes it a formidable tool for protecting critical infrastructure from emerging unmanned threats.

Ağaoğlu Showcases KOR Pistol Range

Ağaoğlu Aviation and Defence Industry (Ağaoğlu Havacılık ve Savunma Sanayi / Ağaoğlu), a Turkish small arms manufacturer, is presenting its latest 9x19 mm NATO Parabellum handguns at the SAHA EXPO 2026 International Defence and Aerospace Exhibition. The company, operating under the brand KOR Arms, is highlighting two primary semi-automatic, single-action product lines: the FX-9 and the AG-9.

Founded in 2011 and based in Istanbul, Ağaoğlu originally specialised in the manufacture of sub-industry parts and air rifles. The company transitioned into the production of rifled pistols after receiving the National and NATO Secret Facility Security Certificate from the Turkish Ministry of National Defence in 2017. Today, the manufacturer exports to over 50 countries, with a significant presence in the United States and European markets.

The company's showcase at the Istanbul Expo Centre focuses on material durability and modularity. The KOR series handguns are engineered using 4340 steel and high-durability polymers, manufactured to international CIP standards.

The FX-9 series serves as a cornerstone of the KOR Arms display, featuring several variants such as the FX-9 RP. These pistols are built with a barrel length of 103.6 mm and an overall length of 191 mm, weighing approximately 835 g with the magazine included. The series provides versatile magazine capacities, offering 10+1, 15+1, or 17+1 round options to suit different operational requirements.

Complementing this is the AG-9 series, which includes the RS and RP variants, also chambered in 9x19 mm and utilizing a single-action firing mechanism. Many models in this line are designed to be "Red Dot Ready" and feature distinctive perforated cut slides intended to reduce overall weight and facilitate rapid heat dissipation during sustained fire.

Both product lines incorporate essential safety features, including trigger safeties and firing pin blocks, and are offered in various finishes such as sand, green, and grey.

Karmod Features BR7 Armored Cabin

Karmod, a Turkish leader in modular construction, is showcasing its advanced protective infrastructure at the SAHA 2026 International Defence and Aerospace Exhibition in Istanbul. While the company maintains a broad catalogue of modular units, its presence at the event is defined by the prominent display of its high-security armored cabin.

The featured unit is specifically engineered to meet BR7 ballistic standards, the highest level of protection in the EN 1063 international classification. This allows the cabin to withstand impacts from 7.62x51 mm NATO armor-piercing rounds, making it a critical asset for high-risk zones, including border checkpoints, military installations, and sensitive government facilities. The structure achieves this rating through the use of high-density abrasion-resistant steel - such as Hardox - and 85 mm thick polycarbonate-based bulletproof glass.

Internally, the cabin is designed for operational efficiency during long shifts. Despite its compact footprint, ranging from 150 cm x 150 cm to larger custom formats, the unit includes ergonomic workstations, 360-degree visibility, and integrated climate control. Secure ventilation grilles are also standard, ensuring fresh air circulation without compromising the ballistic integrity of the shell.

The portable nature of these cabins is a key selling point for defense procurement. They are designed for rapid deployment via heavy-duty transport, allowing security forces to establish fortified positions in minimal time. Beyond the armored line, Karmod's wider technical expertise includes prefabricated military offices and emergency accommodation, though the focus at SAHA 2026 remains firmly on its "fortress-in-a-box" ballistic solutions.

The global reach of these solutions is significant, with the company reporting that its products have been deployed in over 140 countries across six continents. To date, Karmod has completed more than 1500 projects for a global customer base exceeding 42,000 clients, ranging from United Nations peacekeeping missions in Africa to police security checkpoints in South America.

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