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## Defence Sector Updates

### Policy & Market Updates

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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#### **DAs to Report to the Ministry on Defence Purchases Across the World and About Potential Export Opportunities**

IDRW · 13 Apr 2019

Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said that defence attaches in Indian missions abroad have been asked to report and discuss with the defence ministry on the latest defence purchases across the world and potential export opportunities for India in this. [Read More](#)

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#### **Indian Army's Wait for Close-Quarter-Battle Carbines Continues**

Defence Aviation Post · 12 Apr 2019

The Ministry of Defence (MoD) has urged the Oversight Committee to submit its report on the close-quarter-battle carbines (CQB), worth \$553.33 million, for which UAE based Caracal, was down selected after extensive trials. [Read More](#)

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#### **Centre Gives Nod to Acquire 464 New T-90 Tanks for Indian Army**

Defence Aviation Post · 10 Apr 2019

In a major boost for the Indian Army, the Centre has cleared the acquisition of 464 T-90 main battle tanks to be deployed on the borders with Pakistan. "In a recent meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Security, the acquisition of the 464 T-90 tanks was approved. The cost of the project is expected to be worth over Rs13,000 crore," government sources said. [Read More](#)

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#### **Weaponised Drones are on the Table for India: USISPF Official**

Business Line · 9 Apr 2019

Weaponised drones from American companies for Indian defence use are on the table according to a Senior Advisor at the US-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF). [Read More](#)

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#### PROJECT UPDATES

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#### **Indian Navy Sets Up Virtual Reality Centre to Design Warships**

IDRW · 13 Apr 2019

Indian Navy has set up a state-of-the-art Virtual Reality Centre (VRC) at its Directorate of Naval Design. Navy chief Admiral Sunil Lanba inaugurated the centre that will provide a major boost to the indigenous

warship design capabilities of Indian Navy. It will provide an impetus to self-reliance and greater fillip to warship construction.

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## Indian Air Force Restarts Its AWACS Program Based On Airbus A330

Defence Aviation Post · 13 Apr 2019

Indian Air Force has restarted its program to indigenously build six next-generation long-endurance Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS). The program based on the Airbus A330 platform is expected to induct two A330s fitted with indigenous radar in the first phase followed by four more additions in the future. [Read More](#)

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## Navy Wants Local Inputs for Rs40,000 Crore Submarines Project

Defence Aviation Post · 12 Apr 2019

The navy wants Indian steel, missiles, torpedoes and an indigenously developed air independent propulsion system for its Rs40,000 crore project to construct six new submarines domestically, one of the largest 'Make in India' military orders currently being processed by the government. [Read More](#)

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## Indian Navy Looks for Global Partner to Indigenously Build 12 Mine Countermeasure Vessels as Part Of \$5 Billion Project

Defence Aviation Post · 10 Apr 2019

The Indian Navy has begun a renewed search for a global partner to help build 12 mine countermeasure vessels (MCMVs) at the state-owned Goa Shipyard in western India, reports Sputnik International. MCMVs are a crucial capability for any navy as they help detect and destroy mines laid by the enemy forces to choke a country's harbours and spread panic. [Read More](#)

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### INVESTMENTS

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## L&T Acquires TIDCO's Stake in L&T Shipbuilding

Projects Today · 12 Apr 2019

Larsen & Toubro (L&T) has purchased Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation's (TIDCO) three percent stake in its subsidiary L&T Shipbuilding for Rs32.74 crore. This makes L&T Shipbuilding a wholly-owned subsidiary of Larsen & Toubro. [Read More](#)

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## Thales, Kalyani Group Signs Pact to Manufacture Next-Generation Weapons Systems

Defence Aviation Post · 9 Apr 2019

Defence major Thales and the Kalyani Group have finalised a new collaboration to manufacture next-generation weapons systems for India. The two companies have inked an agreement for the joint venture. [Read More](#)

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### Global Updates

## U.S. Air Force Awards Boeing \$14 Billion Contract to Modify Weapons Systems on B-1, B-52 Bombers

Defence-Blog · 13 Apr 2019

US aerospace giant Boeing has been awarded a \$14 billion contract to modify, modernize and test weapons systems on B-1 and B-52 bombers, according to the U.S. Department of Defense. [Read More](#)

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## **Northrop Grumman Wins \$3.2 Billion US Navy Contract for 24 Hawkeye Early Warning Aircraft**

Defense World.Net · 13 Apr 2019

Northrop Grumman has won a \$3.2 billion contract to supply 24 E-2D Advanced Hawkeye early warning aircraft to the United States (US) Navy. The contract provides full-rate production Lots 7-11 for the E-2D AHE aircraft, which are nicknamed "Super Fudd" because it replaced the E-1 Tracer "Willy Fudd." [Read More](#)

## **Textron to Refurbish Iraqi T-6A Trainer Aircraft**

Defense World.Net · 13 Apr 2019

Textron Aviation Defense LLC has won a \$15.3 million contract modification from the US Air Force to refurbish 15 T-6A training planes in Iraq. The contract notes a schedule extension to a previously awarded contract, to July 31, for rebuilding the planes and installing cartridge-activated and propellant-activated devices. [Read More](#)

## **Saab Shortlisted as Combat System Provider for Finnish Navy Corvettes**

Defense World.Net · 13 Apr 2019

Saab has been shortlisted to supply combat systems for Finnish Navy's Pohjanmaa-class corvettes, the country's ministry of defense has announced. Saab has not yet signed a contract or received an order relating to Squadron 2020. [Read More](#)

## **Elbit Systems Wins Contract to Supply STYLET Munition**

Army-Technology · 12 Apr 2019

Elbit System headquarters in Matam, Haifa technology park, Senegal. Credit: Zvi Roger. Elbit Systems has secured a contract to supply its precise guided mortar munition (GMM), STYLET, to an undisclosed country in Asia-Pacific. The \$30m contract will be carried out over a period of two years. [Read More](#)

## **Capgemini Wins New Contract With BAE Systems Maritime – Submarines**

Capgemini · 11 Apr 2019

Capgemini has announced a five-year contract with BAE Systems Maritime – Submarines, the branch of the British defense, security, and aerospace company responsible for the design and manufacture of submarines. [Read More](#)

## **Jamaica Buys Thales' Maritime Surveillance Technology to Boost Security**

Naval-Technology · 10 Apr 2019

The Jamaican Government has ordered new maritime surveillance technology from French firm Thales to strengthen its coastal surveillance capabilities. Under the contract, Thales will provide a turnkey system built around several Coast Watcher 100 long-range coastal surveillance radars, electro-optical sensors, and global maritime distress and safety system radios. [Read More](#)

## **BAE Systems Gets \$8.1 Million for Post-Shakedown Services on USS Wichita**

United Press International · 10 Apr 2019

The U.S. Navy announced an \$8.1 million contract to BAE Systems Jacksonville Ship Repair for post-shakedown availability modifications to the littoral combat ship USS Wichita. [Read More](#)

## **Airbus Australia Pacific Wins Tiger Support Contract Extension**

Army-Technology · 9 Apr 2019

Airbus Australia Pacific has won a contract extension to continue providing support for the Australian Army's Tiger Armed Reconnaissance Helicopter (ARH). The company is under contract to deliver through-life support (TLS) for the helicopter, which entered service in 2004. [Read More](#)

## **Lockheed Martin Chooses Saab's Sea Giraffe AMB Radars for Canada's JSS**

Naval-Technology · 9 Apr 2019

Lockheed Martin Canada has awarded a contract to Saab to deliver Sea Giraffe AMB naval radars for the Royal Canadian Navy's new Protecteur-class joint support ships (JSS). Seaspan's Vancouver Shipyards is the prime contractor for Canada's JSS programme. The company selected Lockheed Martin Canada to provide the command management system and integration for the JSS. [Read More](#)

## U.S. Air Force Awards Raytheon with \$70 Million Contract for F-16 Engineering Services

Defence-Blog · 9 Apr 2019

Raytheon has been awarded a \$70.4 million contract for F-16 engineering services. The contract award from Air Force Life Cycle Management Center enables the company to provide for engineering services, organic depot stand-up support, interim contract support, and production support of the F-16 Center Display Unit. [Read More](#)

## Technology Updates

### DARPA to Use Undersea Organisms to Assist in Passively Detecting Undersea Threats

Defence-Blog · 12 Apr 2019

The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) Biological Technology Office with U.S. weapons maker Northrop Grumman Corp is developing the new type of undersea sensors. [Read More](#)

### BAE Systems Introduces New SDR Assembly

Shephardmedia · 12 Apr 2019

BAE Systems has unveiled its new general software-defined radio (SDR) assembly for commercial and Department of Defense space applications. The SDR integrates the company's RAD5545 single board computer (SBC) with advanced Field Programmable Gate Array-based transceivers, enabling unparalleled flexibility, on-orbit reprogrammability and increased capacity for signals processing. [Read More](#)

### Raytheon Demonstrates Expeditionary Version of Landing System

Army-Technology · 10 Apr 2019

Raytheon has demonstrated a land-based deployable version of its ship-based precision landing system that is currently used to guide F-35Bs onto ships in all weather. Raytheon demonstrated the joint precision approach and landing system (JPALS) for the first time to US Air Force, US Navy and US Marine Corps officials at Marine Corps Air Station in Yuma, Arizona. [Read More](#)

### U.S. Navy Moves a Step Closer to Newest Towed Minehunting Sonar

Defence-Blog · 10 Apr 2019

Naval Surface Warfare Center Panama City Division has announced that U.S. Navy successfully completes developmental testing of 'Q-20C towed minehunting sonar. After completing Developmental Testing (DT) in February of 2019, the U.S. Navy is another step closer to delivering the AN/AQS-20C (Q-20C) towed minehunting sonar to the Fleet. [Read More](#)

### Atlas Elektronik Conducts Sea Trials of SeaSpider ATT Prototype

Naval-Technology · 8 Apr 2019

Atlas Elektronik has released details of successful sea trials of SeaSpider anti-torpedo-torpedo (ATT) for torpedo defence studies in the Baltic Sea. The trials were conducted in cooperation with the German Bundeswehr Technical Center for ships and naval weapons, maritime technology and research (WTD 71) on a WTD 71 multipurpose vessel. [Read More](#)

### Range of BrahMos Missiles May Be Increased from 400 Km to 500 Km

Defence Aviation Post · 8 Apr 2019

The range of BrahMos supersonic cruise missiles, produced jointly by Russia and India, is planned to be increased to 500 kilometres (311 miles) from 400 kilometres. [Read More](#)

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