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India Rethinks Buying US Armed Drones

Indian Defence Research Wing · 28 Jul 2019

Last month's downing of the US Global Hawk drone by Iran in the Persian Gulf has prompted a rethink within the Indian military establishment, led by the air force, over the acquisition of American-made armed drones on account of their cost and questions over their survivability. [Read More →](#)

Indian Army's Special Forces to Get New Weapons

Indian Defense News · 27 Jul 2019

The best deserve the best. Or, that is at least what the Indian Army may be thinking as it begins an effort to ensure that its special forces battalions para-commandos, mostly get world-class weapons. [Read More →](#)

US Approves Foreign Military Sales to Back India

Indian Defense News · 27 Jul 2019

As part of its efforts to enhance India's defence capabilities in the Indo-Pacific region, the Trump Administration notified the Congress of its decision to approve foreign military sales worth \$670 million to support India's C-17 military transport aircraft. [Read More →](#)

Rajnath Singh to Decide on Rs 10,000 crore Worth Defence Deals in August

Livemint · 24 Jul 2019

In his maiden Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) meeting, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh is scheduled to decide on acquisition of weapon systems worth around ₹10,000 crore including choppers and electronic warfare systems. [Read More →](#)

Army Vehicles to be Exempted from BS-VI Norms: Officials

Indian Defence Research Wing · 24 Jul 2019

India's armed forces and paramilitary wings will soon get exemption from stringent vehicle pollution rules that will kick in from April next year, officials familiar with the development said. Beginning April 1, 2020, all new vehicles in the country will need to conform to BS-VI norms, which lay down drastically tighter exhaust emission requirements for vehicles compared to the BS-IV applicable at present. [Read More →](#)

IAF Plans to Upgrade and Make Sukhoi Su-30 MKIs More Lethal with Russia's Help

Indian Defence Research Wing · 24 Jul 2019

Indian Air Force (IAF) is planning to upgrade the avionics and weapons systems of its frontline fighter Sukhoi Su-30 MKI aircraft with Russian help to make the jets more lethal. IAF chief Air Chief Marshal Birender Singh Dhanoa, who was in Russia from July 9 to 12, expressed satisfaction with the modernisation and upgrade of the MiG-21, MiG-27 and MiG-29 fighters with Russia's help and is now keen to acquire the best avionics and weapons systems for the over 250 Su-30 MKIs in the air force's fleet. [Read More →](#)

Centre Wants States to Spend on Defence, Moots Non-Lapsable Fund for Armed Forces

Indian Defence Research Wing · 23 Jul 2019

The Centre, it is learnt, is keen that state governments pitch in for boosting capital expenditure on defence to better equip the country's armed forces. The desire for this radical change in defence funding, officials said, was behind last week's Cabinet decision to widen the 15th Finance Commission's terms of reference (ToR) "to ensure an assured allocation of resources towards defence and internal security imperatives". [Read More →](#)

In First 50 Days, Modi Government Spent Rs 8,500 Crore on Defence Deals

The Economic Times · 23 Jul 2019

In the first 50 days of its second term in office, the Narendra Modi government has spent around Rs 8,500 crore on the acquisition of weapon systems including missiles and spares for the Indian Army and the Air Force. [Read More →](#)

PROJECT UPDATES

US Approves Foreign Military Sales to Back India's C-17 Transport Planes

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For Future Aircraft Carrier, Navy Homes in to Electric Propulsion, could Use Hybrid System

Indian Defence Update · 26 Jul 2019

The Navy is homing in on electric propulsion for a planned future aircraft carrier, with a hybrid system likely to be considered for development, most likely in partnership with a US based partner. Navy Chief Admiral Karambir Singh confirmed that that electric propulsion is being considered but did not give any timelines for the project. [Read More →](#)

MICA Next Generation will Further Strengthen IAF's Rafale and Mirage-2000 fleet

Indian Defence Research Wing · 25 Jul 2019

European missile developer MBDA has announced that it will develop the next generation of the MICA air-to-air missile for the French Air Force and French Navy and the missile system will also be passed on to its export customer of the Dassault Rafale and Dassault Mirage-2000 fighter jets operators in near future when it will be ready in 2026. [Read More →](#)

'MiG-35 a Completely New Aircraft, Fighter Deal Only After Due Process'

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IAF Chief Air Chief Marshal Birender Singh Dhanoa has called Russia's MiG-35 4++ Generation combat plane "a completely new aircraft" but added that the force will select a new fighter only after following the due process of tender, evaluation and test flights. [Read More →](#)

Elbit Systems Pitches for Lockheed Martin F-21 Jet Project in India

Indian Defense News · 24 Jul 2019

Israeli Elbit Systems participated in Lockheed Martin suppliers' conference held as part of its for F-21 jet Project pitch in India. "As a long term supplier of advanced avionics for Lockheed Martin, Elbit Systems is exploring ways to support Lockheed Martin's efforts to maximise indigenous content on the F-21 for the Indian Air Force and on the S-76 for the Indian Navy Utility Helicopter," an Elbit statement said. [Read More →](#)

India's Nag ATGM Ready for Series Production, says MoD

Indian Defence Research Wing · 23 Jul 2019

India's Ministry of Defence (MoD) announced on 19 July that the locally developed Nag (Snake) anti-tank

guided missile (ATGM) is ready to enter series production after the Indian Army (IA) successfully completed summer user trials with the 'third-generation' fire-and-forget weapon. [Read More →](#)

Govt Yet to Decide on HAL Bid, Foreign Cos Tie up with Private Firms

Indian Defence Research Wing · 22 Jul 2019

Foreign helicopter manufacturers are chasing Indian private sector players for a Rs 21,000 crore plan to manufacture naval utility helicopter, a project for which the defence ministry is moving fast but needs to take a call after state-owned Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL) entered the fray. [Read More →](#)

Global Updates

US Approves Sales to Support Pak's F-16 Fighter Jets for 24x7 End-Use Monitoring

Defence News · 27 Jul 2019

US officials asserted that the freeze in security assistance to Pakistan on Trump's direction since January 2018 was still in place. The latest decision would help the US in 24x7 end-use monitoring of the F-16 fighter jets of Pakistan [Read More →](#)

Egyptian Air Force Begins New Upgrade Program for F110 Engine for F-16 Fleet

Geaviation · 26 Jul 2019

With strong support from the United States Air Force, marked a big step forward to modernize the Egyptian Air Force's F-16 Falcon fleet for combat operations. Senior leaders from the United States Air Force, EAF, GE Aviation, StandardAero, DLA-Aviation and Foreign Military Sales attended a ceremony at StandardAero's facility in San Antonio to celebrate the first GE F110-100 engine overhaul induction under the Pacer Pharaoh Program. [Read More →](#)

Chinese Navy Yet to Decide on Preference of Either The J-20 Or The FC-31 for Carriers

Indian Defense News · 26 Jul 2019

The Chinese People's Liberation Army Navy (PLAN) has reportedly not yet decided whether to use the Shenyang FC-31 (also called the J-31) as its new carrier-borne stealth aircraft or to adopt a modified version of the Chengdu J-20, already in use by the country's air force. [Read More →](#)

Lockheed Martin Receives Award from Northrop Grumman to Produce More APY-9 Radars for The United States Navy's E-2D Program

Lockheed Martin · 25 Jul 2019

Lockheed Martin's Radar Sensor Systems market segment has been awarded a contract from Northrop

Grumman worth over \$600 million for multi-year production (MYP) of 24 additional APY-9 radars for the U.S. Navy's E-2D aircraft program. It's also known as the Advanced Hawkeye program. [Read More →](#)

BAE Systems to Upgrade US Navy's Mk45 Naval Gun Systems

Naval Technology · 24 Jul 2019

BAE Systems has secured a \$70m contract from the US Navy to upgrade five additional Mk45 naval gun systems. The contract involves the modernisation of the existing guns to the Mod 4 configuration, which will deliver greater firepower and extended range. [Read More →](#)

Technology Updates

BAE Systems Completes P950 RIB USV Trials with MSI RWS

Navalnews · 27 Jul 2019

The autonomous Pacific 950 Rigid Inflatable Boat (RIB) demonstrator has been used to develop and prove innovative technologies which have the potential to make naval missions faster, easier and safer, taking the relationship between human and machine to new territories. [Read More →](#)

Life Saving Anti-Collision Software Integrated into First F-35s Seven Years Ahead of Schedule

Lockheed Martin · 24 Jul 2019

The F-35 Joint Program Office, U.S. Air Force and Lockheed Martin have started integrating the Automatic Ground Collision Avoidance System (Auto-GCAS) on to Air Force F-35As in the fleet. Leveraging a rapid, agile development, test and contracting approach, the joint government and industry team successfully fielded the life-saving technology seven years earlier than previously planned. [Read More →](#)

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