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## Defence Sector Updates

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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

##### **France Set to Offer Nuclear Submarines to India**

Indian Defence Research Wing · 23 Aug 2019

France is seeking to break fresh ground in advancing its strategic partnership with India by putting, for the first time, nuclear-powered attack submarines (SSN) on offer. Sources privy to the agenda for the meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and French President Emanuel Macron slated for August 22 evening in Paris ahead of the G-7 Summit disclosed that the French are also set to offer 36 follow-on Rafale fighters and F21 heavy weight torpedoes for Indian Navy Scorpene submarines in Government-to-Government deals. [Read More →](#)

##### **France May Offer 36 More Rafale Aircraft to India**

Indian Defence Research Wing · 22 Aug 2019

France is likely to offer additional Rafale aircraft to India during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's upcoming visit to the European country for the G-7 Summit on Thursday, sources told ET. The French side, sources said, is set to offer an immediate sale of two more squadrons, which means 36 additional Rafale jets, to the Indian Air Force that has been grappling with depleting combat force levels. [Read More →](#)

##### **Govt. Defence Test Facilities to be Opened to Private Sector**

Indian Defence Research Wing · 20 Aug 2019

The Indian Air Force (IAF) is a technologically advanced and extremely potent force and the recent offensive strikes on terror outfits in the neighbourhood showed the reach and lethality of this formidable arm of the armed forces, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said. [Read More →](#)

#### PROJECT UPDATES

## Indian Air Force Taps all Sources for New Fighters Jets

Hindustan Times · 25 Aug 2019

The Indian Air Force (IAF) is hoping that its fresh attempt to procure 114 fighter jets will be a speedier hunt than the process that led to the procurement of French Rafale which took more than 10 years. After the Rafale contract was curtailed from 126 to 36, the IAF had once again hit the global market for procuring 114 jets. All the leading fighter manufacturers like Boeing, Lockheed Martin, Eurofighter, Russian United Aircraft Corporation and Saab are in the fray for the estimated \$15 billion contract.

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## 83 Tejas Order: HAL May Finally Agree to Lower Price

Indian Defence News · 25 Aug 2019

Staring at a depleting order book, defence PUS Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) — negotiating price for the 83 Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas aircraft order — is likely to agree to a price that is significantly lower than its quotation. According to sources privy to the negotiations, HAL quoted Rs 450 crore per aircraft as the basic price. “MoD and IAF (customers) are firm that this price is not competitive and are negotiating for a price that is less than Rs 300 crore per aircraft. [Read More →](#)

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## Ordnance Factory Workers End Strike, MoD to Review 'Corporatisation'

Business Standard · 24 Aug 2019

Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) workers' unions have called off a strike, launched on August 20, to protest against the Ministry of Defence's (MoD's) decision to 'corporatise' the 41 ordnance factories. The unions have asked OFB employees to re-join work on Monday. [Read More →](#)

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## HAL Wants to Fit Advanced British Missile on IAF Fighters

The Week · 23 Aug 2019

Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) is looking to integrate an air-to-air missile designed in the UK on three aircraft of the Indian Air Force (IAF). Flight Global reported that HAL is seeking to integrate the Advanced Short Range Air-to-Air Missile (ASRAAM) on the Hawk advanced jet trainer, the indigenous Tejas and the Su-30MKI. The ASRAAM, which was designed in the UK, is built by the European defence conglomerate MBDA. [Read More →](#)

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## Defence Production Target Set at Rs 90K Crore for 2019-20

The Economic Times · 22 Aug 2019

The department of defence production has set itself a target of producing equipment worth Rs 90,000 crore in the financial year 2019-20. Exports worth Rs 15,000 crore have been envisaged from the total quantity of equipment produced. [Read More →](#)

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## **HFCL Bags 2,467 Crore Order for Building Defence Telecom Network**

Indian Defence Research Wing · 22 Aug 2019

Domestic telecom gear maker HFCL on Tuesday said it has bagged ₹3,329 crore order from state-owned BSNL to build and maintain communication network of the Indian army under Network for Spectrum project. The project is to be completed within 18 months. [Read More →](#)

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## **India Set to Receive First Rafale Jet on September 20**

India Today · 21 Aug 2019

Rafale is set to handover its first fighter jet built for the Indian Air Force. Air Force Chief BS Dhanoa and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will be in France on September 20 to receive the first Rafale jet manufactured for the Indian Air Force. [Read More →](#)

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## **Indian Air Force Very Likely to Order 40 more Sukhoi Su-30 MKI Jets from HAL as Jaguar Engine Upgrade Plan Dies**

Swarajya · 21 Aug 2019

The Indian Air Force has made it one of its top priorities to acquire 40 additional Sukhoi Su-30 MKI jets from state run defence manufacturer Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL). The IAF has also nearly finalised an order for eight Sukhois as a replacement for the jets which have been lost over the years in accidents. [Read More →](#)

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## **DRDO Hands Over Design of Mobile Metallic Ramp to Indian Army**

Zee News · 20 Aug 2019

With a load-bearing capacity of 70 metric ton (MT), the MMR has been designed and developed by DRDO's premier research laboratory, Centre for Fire, Explosive and Environment Safety (CFEES) on the requirements projected by Army for reducing the Strategic Mobility time of mobilizing Armoured Fighting Vehicles. [Read More →](#)

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## **India Aims to Export Sukhoi Upgrade**

The Economic Times · 20 Aug 2019

India, which is looking to upgrade its mainstay Su 30MKI fighter fleet to modern standards, hopes to get a toehold into the export market as well by offering the package to friendly foreign nations that operate the Russian origin aircraft. The 'Super Sukhoi' upgrade for India's fleet of the frontline fighters -- a total of 272 combat aircraft have been ordered by the air force -- is in advanced levels of discussions, with modernization plans for avionics, engines and weaponry on offer. [Read More →](#)

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## **IdeaForge Provides Specialized UAVs to Indian Market**

Indian Defence Research Wing · 19 Aug 2019

Lynx–Lawrence & Mayo, an Indian engineering equipment providers, has expanded its portfolio to include specialized drones, through its partnership with ideaForge, India's largest UAV manufacturer. As part of the agreement, ideaForge's drones equipped with more than a decade of UAV design expertise, will be accessible to Lynx – Lawrence and Mayo for applications across urban development, weather monitoring and testing, agro-technology and other sectors. [Read More →](#)

## Global Updates

### **Saab to Continue Supporting Australian Army's GBAD and C-RAM Capability**

SAAB · 22 Aug 2019

Saab has received an order from the Australian Army to extend the support of their Ground Based Air Defence (GBAD) and Counter Rocket, Artillery and Mortar (C-RAM) systems until 2022. This ensures the availability and effectiveness of these important capabilities, which are fielded by 16th Regt, Royal Australian Artillery. [Read More →](#)

### **AOI, Rohde & Schwarz Mull Cooperation in Manufacturing Security Gates**

Egypt Today · 22 Aug 2019

Chairman of the Arab Organization for Industrialization (AOI) Abdel Moneim el-Tarass discussed with Chairman of the Board of Directors of the German company of Rohde & Schwarz Peter Riedel boosting joint cooperation. The move falls within the framework of the state's national plan to expand the use of security gates and X-ray baggage scanners at all new smart facilities and cities. [Read More →](#)

### **BAE Systems Received a Contract from Lockheed Martin to Enhance the EW Capabilities of the F-35s**

Aviation Report · 22 Aug 2019

BAE Systems has received a Block 4 Modernization contract award from Lockheed Martin to enhance the offensive and defensive electronic warfare (EW) capabilities of the F-35 Lightning II fifth-generation fighter aircraft. Under the contract, BAE Systems will modernize its AN/ASQ-239 Electronic Warfare/Countermeasures (EW/CM) system to address emerging threats and maintain U.S. [Read More →](#)

### **BAE to Provide Bofors 57 Mk3 Guns for Indonesian Navy's KCR-60 Vessels**

Naval Technology · 22 Aug 2019

BAE Systems has been contracted to provide its Bofors 57 Mk3 naval gun system for the Indonesian Navy's KCR-60 fast-attack vessel programme. The company has reached initial contracts with shipbuilder PT PAL Indonesia to supply four 57 Mk3 gun systems. BAE Systems' Bofors 57mm naval gun can tackle surface, air,

and land threats in the littoral setting. It is used by global navies and coast guards, including those of the US, Sweden, Canada, Finland, and Mexico. [Read More →](#)

### **BAE to Provide Electronic Warfare Services for Saudi Planes**

Defense World.Net · 20 Aug 2019

BAE Systems has been awarded \$19.2 million for sustainment services associated with digital electronics warfare systems and missile warning systems for aircraft belonging to Saudi Arabia. [Read More →](#)

### **Saab Signs Contract to Provide Belgium with a Combat Training Centre**

SAAB · 19 Aug 2019

Saab has signed a supply contract with the Belgian MoD for the deliveries of training systems to the Belgian Army. The order value is approximately SEK 160 million and deliveries will take place in 2021. The contract includes providing a complete training centre with infantry simulators, anti-tank simulators, vehicle systems and communication systems for controlling, monitoring and collecting training data to enable detailed analysis of exercises. The support contract will be negotiated separately later on. [Read More →](#)

## **Technology Updates**

### **GPS III Satellite Launches with RAD750™ Single Board Computers**

BAE Systems · 22 Aug 2019

The U.S. Air Force has launched its second GPS III satellite, the most powerful Global Positioning System (GPS) satellite ever built. BAE Systems' RAD750™ Single Board Computer (SBC), part of Harris Corporation's navigation payload for GPS III prime contractor Lockheed Martin, will provide radiation hardened, high-performance onboard processing capability for the satellite's mission. [Read More →](#)

### **BAE Systems' XTS Guard 7 provides secure access to geospatial imagery and data**

Help Net Security · 20 Aug 2019

BAE Systems has launched its next-generation XTS Guard 7, which provides U.S. intelligence organizations with secure access to geospatial imagery and data through multi-directional transfer of different data types across classified and unclassified domains. [Read More →](#)

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