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## Defence Sector Updates

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#### PROJECT UPDATES

##### **First Batch of Rafales Likely to Fly in Late**

Indian Defense News · 13 Apr 2020

The arrival of the first batch of Rafale fighter jets for the Indian Air Force is likely to be delayed by around three months due to the COVID-19 pandemic, as France battles rising infections and deaths, and continuing lockdown restrictions, which have also impacted the training schedule, defence sources said. [Read More →](#)

##### **HAL Signs Second MoU with Elbit Systems for Digital Head-Up Displays (HUD)**

Indian Defense News · 12 Apr 2020

HAL signed an MoU with Elbit Systems for promoting and marketing the Digital Head Up Displays (HUD) units. The MoU envisages extending cooperation for new HUD technologies and promote Digital HUD to the Indian Defence Services and other potential customers. [Read More →](#)

##### **DARPA'S C-130 "Swarm Drone Mother Ship" concept Intrigues Indian Air Force**

Indian Defence Research Wing · 12 Apr 2020

The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) has been researching several types of swarm drone technology that could be used on the battlefield and According to Pentagon acquisition head Ellen Lord, one particular program has impressed Indian air force (IAF) due to which both the United States and India have discussed collaborating on such efforts to build a relatively low-cost unmanned aircraft that can be launched from a "mother ship" transport aircraft like C-130J which IAF already has in its fleet and then be recovered by the same mother ship after their mission is complete. [Read More →](#)

##### **Saras Mark 2 Version to Drop Pusher Engine Configuration**

Indian Defence Research Wing · 11 Apr 2020

India plans to develop an indigenously developed light transport aircraft Saras Mark 2 version which is an improved version of the original Saras multirole light transport aircraft being designed and developed jointly by Indian companies National Aerospace Laboratories (NAL) and Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) for the Indian Air Force (IAF). [Read More →](#)

##### **F-15EX Offer to India Brings Pratt & Whitney Engines to Focus in India**

Indian Defence Research Wing · 10 Apr 2020

Boeing will be offering its second candidate F-15 EX to the air force for its requirement of 114 fighters that are to be produced domestically, bringing American aircraft tally to 3 after F/A-18 Super Hornet and the F-21 ( a variant of the F-16) that are already on offer. Both the F/A 18 and the F-21 on offer to India are powered by engines manufactured by the US engine-maker General Electric. [Read More →](#)

##### **Indian Navy Partners With think3D to 3D Print Spare Parts on Demand for Vessels**

The Indian Navy has partnered with Indian 3D printing service bureau think3D to help produce spare parts on demand using additive manufacturing, for both on and off-shore scenarios. The availability of spare parts has been a recurring problem for the Indian Navy due to the use of old, imported machinery. Collaborating with think3D, the Indian Navy has sought to solve this problem by instead 3D printing spare parts and replacing them on demand. [Read More →](#)

## India to Hand Over Soviet-Built Kilo-Class Submarine to Myanmar Navy, Says Source

Indian Defence Research Wing · 7 Apr 2020

India has prepared the INS Sindhuvir, a Soviet-built Project 877 (Kilo-class) submarine for handover to the Myanmar Navy, a military-diplomatic source told TASS. "The submarine's repair was finalized this February in India. It is only a matter of time and crew training before it will be handed over to the Myanmar Navy," the source said. [Read More →](#)

## Global Updates

### Elbit Systems Awarded \$20 Million in Contracts to Upgrade Hermes 900 UAS of Latin American Customers

Morningstar · 12 Apr 2020

Elbit Systems announced that it was awarded two contracts valued at a total of approximately \$20 million from Latin American customers to upgrade the capabilities of their Hermes 900 Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS). Both contracts will be performed within a 12-month period. Under the contracts, the Company will integrate satellite communication systems and automatic takeoff and landing systems into the Hermes 900 UAS that the customers are already operating. [Read More →](#)

### U.S. Air Force Awards Lockheed Martin Avionics Tech Refresh Contract to Advance U-2's Capabilities for the Future Battlespace

MarketScreener · 10 Apr 2020

U.S. Air Force Awards Lockheed Martin Avionics Tech Refresh Contract to Advance U-2's Capabilities for the Future Battlespace. Contract Underpins U-2's Role in Bridging Capabilities Needed for Next Generation Battlespace. Lockheed Martin Skunk Works continues to evolve the U-2 Dragon Lady to support future battlespace needs under a recent contract award from the U.S. Air Force valued at \$50 million. [Read More →](#)

### Two more E-2D Advanced Hawkeye delivered to Japan

Navalnews · 10 Apr 2020

Two more E-2D Advanced Hawkeye delivered to Japan Two more E-2D Advanced Hawkeye Airborne Early Warning and Control (AEW&C) aircraft were delivered to Japan by Northrop Grumman. There are now three Advanced Hawkeyes in the country. [Read More →](#)

### Lockheed Martin to Build 48 More LRASM Subsonic Anti-Ship Missile Systems to Attack High-Priority Targets

Military & Aerospace Electronics · 9 Apr 2020

U.S. Air Force airborne weapons experts are asking Lockheed Martin Corp. to build 48 next-generation AGM-158C Long-Range Anti-Ship Missile (LRASM) for use against high-priority enemy targets like aircraft carriers, troop transport ships, and guided-missile cruisers. [Read More →](#)

### Boeing Australia Advances Loyal Wingman Development

Jane's 360 · 9 Apr 2020

Boeing Australia's first Loyal Wingman unmanned aircraft prototype has stood on its own wheels and powered up its electrical system for the first time, the company announced on 8 April. The latest development milestones follow the assembly of the first aircraft's fuselage structure in February and will lead to further systems installation and functional and integration testing from the aircraft's own landing gear. [Read More →](#)

## Lockheed to Update Navy MASINT Platform Under Potential \$90M Contract

GovCon Wire · 7 Apr 2020

Lockheed Martin has secured a potential five-year, \$90.3M contract from the U.S. Navy to update the Office of Naval Intelligence's measurement and signature intelligence enterprise suite. The company will engineer and document systems; design and develop software; and provide integration, test, installation, management and training services, the Department of Defense said. [Read More →](#)

## BAE Systems Australia Issues Update on Options to Support Suppliers

Financial-news · 7 Apr 2020

BAE Systems Australia has announced its local supply chain will continue defense work to help protect the country and support its economy, the company said. The local supply chain is critical for the continuation of Defence work that will help to protect the nation and support the economy. [Read More →](#)

## Raytheon, Aerojet Rocketdyne Strike \$1B Strategic Sourcing Deal for Missile Programs

Connect · 6 Apr 2020

Raytheon signed a new \$1-billion multiyear deal for propulsion systems with California-based Aerojet Rocketdyne. The deal represents a supply chain centerpiece of multi-year Standard Missiles contracts Raytheon recently received. Raytheon says this deal allows it to save money in its supply chain, as it fulfills contracts with the Missile Defense Agency and U.S. Navy. [Read More →](#)

## Lockheed Martin Syracuse Lands Share of \$400M Navy Contract for Airborne Radars

Syracuse · 6 Apr 2020

Lockheed Martin Syracuse has won a part of a \$404 million U.S. Navy contract to provide radars for E-2D Advance Hawkeye surveillance planes, according to Pentagon and company officials. Lockheed Martin said its plant at Electronics Park in Salina will build two additional APY-9 early-warning radars for the Navy's planes as a subcontractor for Northrop Grumman. [Read More →](#)

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