



## Rosoboronexport at BIAS 2018: demand for Russian weapons is on the rise in the Middle East

Rosoboronexport, a member of Rostec, will set up a joint Russian exposition at Bahrain International Airshow 2018 (BIAS), a fifth iteration of an international exhibition to take place at Sakhir AFB in the Kingdom of Bahrain on November 14-16.

“Rosoboronexport deems Bahrain International Airshow as a perfect opportunity to bring Russia's most advanced systems and equipment to the attention of the Gulf states and let them know their unique features. Lots of the exhibited air force and air defense platforms are either second to none in the world or at least unmatched by their foreign counterparts in key characteristics,” says Director General Alexander Mikheev of Rosoboronexport.

Gulf states are particularly interested in AD systems of various range, aircraft, helicopters and drones. Numbering 250-plus pieces of military equipment, Rosoboronexport's booth will have numerous combat proven systems, which confirmed their characteristics in Syria.

The Su-35 multirole supermaneuverable fighter, MiG-29M/M2 multirole tactical fighter and Yak-130 combat-trainer have everything there is to gather crowds at the event. Rosoboronexport will also have on display the IL-78MD-90A tanker plane and IL-76MD-90A(E) transport, both being recent additions to its portfolio.

BIAS's guests and participants will witness outstanding airmanship of the aces of the renowned Russian Knights aerobatic display team demonstrating unsurpassed capabilities of Russian aviation equipment on Su-30SM fighters. Wherever they go, Russian Knights pull standing ovations.

In the RW aircraft segment, the interest of foreign Customers is traditionally piqued by the Mi-28NE attack helicopter, Ka-52 reconnaissance and attack helicopter, Mi-35M gunship with transport carrying capacity, and Ka-226T light multi-purpose helicopter. Other platforms coming to Bahrain's event are the Ansat light multi-purpose and Mi-26T2 heavy transport helicopters, both are very much popular.

For partners the company will make available at its booth information on Russian UAVs to include Takhion and Orlan-10E small short-range drones and Orion-E long endurance reconnaissance platform.

Expectations are also high in the AD sector. Rosoboronexport believes that a rather bright export future faces the S-400 Triumph SAM system, Tor M2E and Buk-M2E SAM systems, Pantsir-S1 gun-missile system, and Verba MANPADS.

Besides, the company will make some room in its booth for a variety of EW systems, including the Repellent EW system complete with small drones.



“Lack of stability in the international situation prompts the growth of arms trade worldwide. This has also gone a long way in stoking the Gulf states' interest in getting the most advanced and effective military equipment. Under the circumstances, everything labeled Made in Russia enjoys a keen demand, for Russian equipment has been proven in complex combat and climatic environs at sea, in the air, and on the land. And the trend is on the rise. Recently Rosoboronexport's backlog breached the record \$50 bln. barrier. Contributing to the achievement are contracts signed with Arab nations,” notes Alexander Mikheev.

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[Rosoboronexport](#) is the only state-owned arms trade company in the Russian Federation authorized to export the full range of military and dual-purpose products, technologies and services. It is a subsidiary of the Rostec Corporation. Founded on 4 November, 2000, now Rosoboronexport is one of the leading world arms exporters to the international market. Its share in Russia's military exports exceeds 85 percent. Rosoboronexport cooperates with more than 700 enterprises and organizations in the Russian defence industrial complex. Russia maintains military technical cooperation with more than 100 countries around the world.

Rostec State Corporation is a Russian corporation that was established in 2007 to facilitate the development, production and export of high-tech industrial products designed for civilian and military applications. The Corporation comprises over 700 organizations that are currently part of 11 holding companies operating in the military-industrial complex and 3 holding companies working in civilian industry, as well as 80 directly managed organizations. Rostec's portfolio includes well-known brands such as AVTOVAZ, KAMAZ, Kalashnikov Concern, Russian Helicopters, VSMPO AVISMA, UralVagonZavod, etc. Rostec companies are located in 60 constituent entities of the Russian Federation and supply products to more than 70 countries. In 2016, the consolidated revenue of Rostec amounted to 1 trillion 266 billion rubles, while the consolidated net income and EBITDA amounted to 88 and 268 billion rubles respectively. In 2016, the average salary in the Corporation was 44,000 rubles. According to Rostec strategy, the main objective of the Corporation is to ensure that Russia has a technological advantage in highly competitive global markets. Rostec's key objectives include the introduction of a new techno-economic paradigm and the digitalization of the Russian economy.

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