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**STM to Showcase Naval Projects and Tactıcal Mini UAV Systems in Africa**

*STM, one of the leading companies in the Turkish defence sector, will display its naval platforms and tactical mini-UAV systems at the IMDEC 2023 exhibition in Ghana.*

STM Savunma Teknolojileri Mühendislik ve Ticaret A.Ş., having played a key role in the significant progress seen in the field of defence in the past couple of years in Türkiye, offers critical solutions in such areas as naval platforms, tactical mini-UAV systems (loitering munitions) and cyber security. Under the leadership of the Turkish Defence Industry Agency (SSB), STM continues to meet domestic needs and to export its accumulated experience to friendly and allied nations through cooperation and technology transfer agreements.

STM will be attending 3rd International Maritime Defence Exhibition and Conference (IMDEC), one of the defence industry exhibition on the Africa continent, where it will be presenting its naval platforms and tactical mini UAV systems participants.

At IMDEC-2023, which will be held on 29–30 August in the City of Accra, Ghana, STM will be displaying mock-ups of Türkiye's first national corvette project – the Ada Class MILGEM, Turkiye's first national frigate the İstif (I) Class Frigate, Pakistan Navy Fleet Tanker, STM-MPAC Multi Purpose Attack Craft, offering high speed-maneuverability and capable of firing surface-to-surface guided missiles and will be presenting its STM500, a small-sized submarine designed using national resources to the participants.

**KARGU and to be exhibited at IMDEC**

From among STM’s tactical mini-UAV systems, KARGU, Türkiye's first national attack UAV that has been exported to nearly 10 countries on three different continents to date will also be on display at the STM stand. Visitors to the STM stand will also be able to view the fixed-wing Loitering Munition System ALPAGU.

TOGAN, the Surveillance UAV developed by STM, is in the inventory of the Turkish Armed Forces (TAF). TOGAN made its first export to a country in Africa in 2023.

**Production aligned with NATO standards**

STM is engaged in collaborations, technology transfer and business development activities in more than 20 countries, from South America to the Far East. As part of its design, construction and modernization activities, STM produces flexible indigenous engineering solutions for the surface and submarine platforms of Türkiye – a NATO member with one of the most active navies in the world – and for the navies of friendly and allied nations, addressing specific needs and ensuring more effective mission performance. The systems in active use within the Turkish Navy are being exported overseas by STM as quality, affordable and modern engineering solutions, while its long-term service support and indigenously developed weapon systems render the products and capabilities of STM available to the navies of nations that may be subject to embargoes.

**STM preferred by the Naval Forces of many Nations, from Pakistan to Ukraine**

STM attaches great importance to cost-effectiveness, uninterrupted technical support and knowledge transfer in every project in which it is involved, and enters into collaborations that enhance the defence capabilities of its allied nations. Under a project including technology transfer elements, STM launched the construction of a Corvette for the Ukrainian Navy in 2021. Representing Türkiye’s largest military shipbuilding project to date in terms of tonnage, STM has built and delivered the Fleet Tanker PNS MOAWIN to the Pakistan Navy in Karachi. Continuing its activities in the country as the lead contractor in the modernization of Pakistan’s Agosta 90B Khalid-Class submarines, STM has delivered the first two submarine, while the modernization of the remaining third vessel is continuing.

The Turkish Naval Forces are making active use of the four MILGEM Ada-Class Corvettes manufactured under a project in which STM was the lead subcontractor, undertaking various crucial tasks. Furthermore, STM has designed and is the lead contractor in the construction of TCG ISTANBUL – Türkiye's first national frigate – and is continuing in its efforts to deliver the ship in 2023 with.

STM is designing cost-effective offshore patrol vessels with modern and flexible features. One of these is the OPV-2100. OPV-2100 is a monohull vessel, designed to perform maritime patrol, surface warfare operations and maritime police at heavy seas, conforming naval norms/standards and classification rules.

**STM IMDEC-2023 Stand Information**

Booth No: 6

Date: 29–30 August, 2023

Venue: Burma Hall, Ghana Armed Forces Headquarters – Accra, GHANA

**About STM**

STM has been serving the Turkish defence sector for over a quarter of a century in such areas as engineering, technology and consultancy, working in fields that are critical for Türkiye and its allies. It applies its advanced capabilities and technologies to a broad range of strategic fields, ranging from naval platforms to tactical mini UAV systems, from satellite works to cybersecurity, and from big data analytics to artificial intelligence applications.

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