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**STM Showcases Naval and UAV Solutions in the Gulf**

*STM, one of the leading companies in the Turkish defence industry, will exhibit its naval platforms and tactical mini UAV systems at the NAVDEX - Naval Defence & Maritime Security Exhibition to be held in United Arab Emirates. STM supplies NATO's second largest army, the Turkish Armed Forces, as well as the navies of friendly and allied nations with state-of-the-art warships.*

Having played an important role in Türkiye’s recent breakthrough in the defense industry, STM offers critical solutions in such areas as naval platforms, tactical mini UAV systems and command and control. STM, a subsidiary of the Presidency of the Republic of Türkiye, Secretariat of Defence Industries, brings its experience, which has been gained through the company’s efforts to meet Türkiye’s needs, to friendly and allied nations through cooperation and technology transfer.

STM will take part in the NAVDEX-2025 to be held in Abu Dhabi, the capital of United Arab Emirates (UAE), on February 17-21, 2025, to showcase its naval projects and combat-proven tactical mini UAV systems in the Gulf Region.

**Türkiye’s First National Frigate to be on Exhibited in Abu Dhabi**

At the exhibition, STM will display a model of Türkiye’s first national frigate TCG İSTANBUL (F-515), which is also the first ship in the MİLGEM İstif-Class project. The national frigate, for which STM is the main contractor, was delivered to the Turkish Navy in 2024. In addition to Türkiye's first national corvette project – the Ada Class MILGEM, STM-MPAC Multi Purpose Attack Craft, Türkiye’s first special operations and attack national submarine project STM500, the Pakistan Navy Fleet Tanker (PNFT), will also be showcased to the NAVDEX participants. The unmanned autonomous underwater vehicle STM NETA will be presented to delegations at an international exhibition abroad for the first time.

**Combat Proven Tactical Mini UAV Systems**

STM, which has played a pioneering role in Türkiye and the world in the development tactical mini UAVs, will be presenting its KARGU platform at the event, as Türkiye's first national attack UAV. Since its launch, KARGU, which can be equipped with anti-personnel and armour-piercing warheads, has to date been exported to more than 10 countries on three continents. STM will also be displaying its TOGAN Surveillance UAV, which has now entered the inventory of the Turkish Armed Forces and is being actively used in the fight against terrorism, as well as achieving remarkable export figures, and its BOYGA ammunition-drop UAV, at NAVDEX.

**Güleryüz: Strengthening Strategic Partnerships in the Gulf Region**

STM General Manager Özgür Güleryüz highlighted the growing global recognition of the Turkish defense industry, emphasizing its innovative solutions and engineering capabilities:

"At STM, under the leadership of the SSB, we develop advanced defense technologies across a wide spectrum, including naval platforms, tactical mini UAV systems, and command and control capabilities. With our recent naval platform exports to Portugal and Malaysia, we have once again demonstrated our role as a reliable partner for navies worldwide. Meanwhile, our combat-proven tactical mini UAV systems have been integrated into the inventories of over 10 countries, while we continue to deliver cutting-edge software solutions to NATO. At NAVDEX 2025, one of the Gulf region’s most significant defense exhibitions, we will showcase our innovative technologies to allied and partner nations and aim to establish new strategic collaborations powered by our engineering excellence.”

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

**Production Aligned with NATO Standards**

STM is engaged in collaborations, technology transfer and business development activities in more than 30 countries, from South America to the Far East. As part of its design, construction and modernization activities, STM develops 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 successfully used in the field by the Turkish Navy are being exported overseas by STM as quality, affordable and modern engineering solutions. STM, with its long-term service support and indigenously developed weapon systems, makes a difference by offering its products and capabilities to navies of other nations in a way that embargoes cannot affect them.

**STM, the Choice of the Navies 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, creating collaborations that will enhance the defense capabilities of nations. STM provides services to the Turkish Navy in the design, construction, and modernization of naval platforms, including the Ada-Class Corvette, İstif-Class Frigate, Logistic Support Ships, fast attack craft, and submarines. As a reliable partner in naval projects, STM is currently constructing two corvettes for Ukraine and three corvettes for Malaysia, while successfully executing a fleet tanker and Agosta 90B Class submarine modernization project for Pakistan. Most recently, STM signed an agreement to build two Logistic Support Ships for the Portuguese Navy. This project marks Türkiye’s first naval export to a NATO and European Union member country.

**Cost-Effective Tactical UAV Solutions for Modern Warfare**

STM's tactical mini UAV systems are actively used by the Turkish Armed Forces in cross-border and counter-terrorism operations. These systems are the choice of more than 10 militaries across three continents, providing cost-effective solutions on the battlefield. Its portfolio also includes software developed for NATO's intelligence infrastructure, as well as responsibilities for the platform cyber security of KAAN, Türkiye's 5th generation fighter jet.

**STM Booth Information for NAVDEX 2025**

Booth No: B-060

Date: 17-21 February 2025

Venue: Adnec Centre Abu Dhabi | UAE

**About STM**

STM has been serving the Turkish defence sector for the last 33 years in such areas as engineering, technology development and consultancy services, operating 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 command and control systems to cybersecurity, and from big data analytics to artificial intelligence applications.

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