

Armed drones on the European media

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Turkey is a drone super power

The war in Syria may lead to an export success of Turkish drones

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Turkey's strategy of using drones on a large scale in conventional operations proved to be a great success - the Syrian army lost many soldiers and equipment. This success resulted in a great interest in Turkish unmanned aerial vehicles, for which several countries have already applied, including Tunisia. A few even want to cooperate with Turkey to develop their own unmanned systems.

<https://www.konflikty.pl/technika-wojskowa/w-powietrzu/syria-sukces-eksportowy-tureckich-dronow/>

Turkish Drone Attack in Kobane - Rojava\Northern Syria

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Koerdisch Nieuws, The Netherlands

In the night of Monday to Tuesday the Turks escalated the attacks in northern Syria. The Turkish military carried out an aerial attack in the region of Kobane. An armed drone attacked a security outpost in Kobane.

<https://koerdischnieuws.nl/turkse-drone-aanval-in-kobane-rojava-noord-syrie/>

And Iran is trying to fill the gap

Iranian army acquired drones with a range of 1500 kilometers

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The Iranian Defence Minister informed that the Iranian army bought three drones with a range of 1500 kilometers capable of delivering missiles. The UAVs will be used for long-range military traffic monitoring and to execute military missions. The drones are armed with bombs and rockets. According to Amir Hatami, they will be crucial to keep integrity on borders, especially in the Gulf region.

<https://kresy.pl/wydarzenia/iranska-armia-weszla-w-posiadanie-dronow-o-zasiegu-1500-kilometrow/>

Iranian military has new combat drones. Their range is 1500 km and can carry bombs

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EuroZprávy, Czech Republic

Iranian Defense Minister Amir Khatami has announced that the Iranian military acquired three fighter drones with a range of 1500 kilometers and capable of carrying bombs and missiles. The drones developed in a cooperation of domestic defence industry and universities can fly more than 13 kilometers above the ground. Iran uses drones mainly to monitor the border, especially in the in the Strait of Hormuz.

<https://eurozpravy.cz/zahranicni/blizky-vychod/iranska-armada-ma-nove-bojove-drony-doleti-1500-kilometru-mohou-nest-bombu.36af28e5/>

Iranian army acquires combat capable drones with 930-mile range: Defense minister

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Reuters, Uk

The Iranian armed forces have acquired three bomb-carrying drones with a range of 1,500 kilometers (932 miles), Defense

Minister Amir Hatami said on state television on Saturday. The drones could monitor “enemy movements from a considerable distance” and were capable of combat missions, he said at the delivery ceremony in Tehran broadcast on TV.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-iran-security-military-drones/iranian-army-acquires-combat-capable-drones-with-930-mile-range-defense-minister-idUSKBN2200E1>

A drone future

Asseco will provide the army with drones

16 Apr 2020

Puls Biznesu, Poland

The 1 million EUR Asseco’s bid won the tender for providing unmanned aerial vehicles to the armed forces of the Republic of Poland. The subject matter of the contract is the supply of six sets of micro-class unmanned air systems which will provide the Polish armed forces with day-night surveillance equipment to be used in various environments using electro-optical sensors and infra-red.

<https://www.pb.pl/asseco-dostarczy-drony-dla-wojska-988493>

Europe's power to be tested by the biggest drone conflict in history

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A major test of European foreign policy has begun in the Mediterranean as on April 1 started a joint European naval operation aimed at controlling and enforcing an arms embargo on the Libyan battlefield. Ongoing civil war in Libya is perhaps the biggest drone conflict in history as Turkey and UAE provide antigovernment forces with Turkish and Chinese made drones that make a big difference in the battlefield.

<https://www.respekt.cz/agenda/silu-evropy-otestuje-nejvetsi-dronovy-konflikt-v-dejinach>

Will Robots Decide over Life and Death?

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The Israeli Harpy drone can fly around for hours. Without human intervention, it can decide to attack a radar installation. Most drones are not as advanced as the harpy, but drones have caused a true revolution in warfare. Within international humanitarian law, humans will have to remain involved during the deployment of autonomous weapons, which is proving difficult.

<https://www.rd.nl/meer-rd/wetenschap-techniek/gaan-robots-be-slissen-over-leven-en-dood-1.1654460>

US Army is developing a drone fired from a grenade launcher

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US Army scientists are working on a small drone that can be fired from an M320 grenade launcher. This new system called Grenade Launched Unmanned Aerial System will be able to fly over the battlefield for up to 90 minutes and provide soldiers with valuable information about the situation. It can look for the optimal sniper position, find a safe route for passing through a risk area or track down enemy or own soldiers.

<https://vtm.zive.cz/clanky/us-army-vyviiji-drony-ktere-je-mozne-v-ypalit-z-granatometu/sc-870-a-203575/default.aspx>