

India signs \$374 mn Brahmos missile deal with Philippines

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India got its first-ever export order for BrahMos missiles recently when the Philippines' Defence Ministry signed a \$374.96 million contract with the BrahMos Aerospace Pvt Ltd (BAPL) to supply an undisclosed number of missiles, military officials stated.

Key Highlights

- The contract is an important step forward for the Government of India's policy of promoting responsible defence exports.
- The BAPL, an India-Russian joint venture, produces the supersonic cruise missile BrahMos that can be launched from submarines, ships, aircraft, or from land platforms.
- The contract is to supply shore-based anti-ship BrahMos missiles to the Philippines' Navy, the military officials noted.
- The contract was signed by Defence Secretary of National Defence of Philippines Delfin Lorenzana and Atul Dinkar Rane, Director General of BrahMos Aerospace Pvt Ltd.
- The contract includes the delivery of three batteries, training for operators and maintainers as well as the necessary Integrated Logistics Support (ILS) package. The coastal defence regiment of the Philippine Marines will be the primary user of the missile systems.
- Indonesia, Vietnam and Thailand are other South-East Asian countries that have shown interest in the missiles system.
- BrahMos is capable of being launched from land, sea, under-sea and air against surface and sea-based targets.

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