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AESA radar for Gripen NG

Saab and SELEX Galileo will enter co-operative development of an Active Electronically Scanned Array (AESA) Radar for the Gripen Next Generation (NG) programme.

The two companies have signed a Heads of Agreement which outlines the way forward in terms of their future working arrangements.

The agreement, which is initially aimed at Brazil's Fighter programme, signifies the beginning of a long-term collaboration between the two Saab Business Units; Saab Aerosystems and Saab Microwave Systems and SELEX Galileo.

Gripen NG is a considerably enhanced version of the already proven and in-service Gripen C/D multi-role fighter. Design for combat in the 21st Century Net centric Warfare environment Gripen's flexible and modular design makes continuous development and enhancement both low risk and cost effective.

The Gripen NG programme covers development of all major sensors and avionics including data communication, self-protection systems, weapons integration, as well as airframe and propulsion enhancements.

The jointly developed AESA radar will be based on SELEX Galileo Vixen AESA radar using functionality from the Vixen program, PS-05/A and other programs from both companies.

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