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Saab's Giraffe 1X wins UK Ministry of Defence orders

Saab has signed two contracts for eleven Giraffe 1X radars including support with the UK's Ministry of Defence. The total order value is approximately SEK 264 million and deliveries have already started.

The acquisition of Giraffe 1X is largely for operational environments, whilst a single unit has been procured by the Royal Navy and will be mounted and tested on the XV Patrick Blackett. This ship is operated by NavyX to test, trial and experiment with new technologies and concepts.

Giraffe 1X is a lightweight, multi-mission, 3D surveillance radar for simultaneous air- and surface surveillance that provides commanders with quality air defence target data, drone (C-UAS) detection and Counter-Rocket, Artillery and Mortar (C-RAM) sense and warn within a single solution. The UK has a prominent installed base of Saab radars with ARTHUR (known in the UK as MAMBA) since 2004, and the largest fleet of land-based Giraffe AMB radars, which have been in-service since 2010.

This new capability for the UK has been procured on the basis of Giraffe 1X being the fastest and most effective solution available, with a proven capability that enjoys a high degree of confidence amongst Counter-Unmanned Air Systems (C-UAS) experts. The systems include continuous software upgrades based on Saab's longstanding knowledge of our customers' needs and the operational threats their deployed forces face. The work is being carried out in Gothenburg, Sweden and in the United Kingdom, with system deliveries having commenced.

"These orders are an excellent example of how our fast-deployed, software defined systems continue to support our UK customer, and further strengthens our close partnership with the UK MoD," says Dean Rosenfield, President of Saab UK.

Saab is a leading defence and security company with an enduring mission, to help nations keep their people and society safe. Empowered by its 19,000 talented people, Saab constantly pushes the boundaries of technology to create a safer, more sustainable and more equitable world. Saab designs, manufactures and maintains advanced systems in aeronautics, weapons, command and control, sensors and underwater systems. Saab is headquartered in Sweden. It has major operations all over the world and is part of the domestic defence capability of several nations.

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