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## Elbit inks \$252 million deal to supply unnamed NATO country with rocket systems

### *Elbit укладає угоду на суму 252 мільйони доларів на постачання неназваній країні НАТО ракетних систем*

*Ізраїльська оборонна компанія "Elbit Systems", яка розробляє і модернізує різні види озброєння, оголосила, що вона отримала два контракти на суму 252 млн дол. на постачання артилерійських систем неназваній європейській країні-члену НАТО. Оголошення було зроблено після того, як Данія заявила, що веде переговори з "Elbit" щодо нової мобільної артилерії, щоб закрити «критичну прогалину», після того, як вона передала Україні всі 19 своїх гаубиць Caesar французького виробництва.*

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The equipment could be delivered this year, the government said.

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cannon, as seen on May 19, 2008. (Rowielip/Wikimedia/CC BY-SA 3.0)

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worth of PULS artillery systems, including ammunition. The supply would be delivered over three years, according to Elbit.

“We are witnessing a trajectory of an increased demand for advanced artillery solutions from militaries around the world, including European countries and NATO members, as part of their efforts to increase the effectiveness of their armed forces,” said Bezhael Machlis, the president and CEO of Elbit, in remarks provided by the firm.

“Our operationally proven systems provide an advanced cost-effective solution to meet that demand,” he added.

Denmark had ordered 15 mobile long-range howitzers from French company Nexter in 2017, and four more in 2019.

But deliveries have been delayed and only a few have arrived. All of them have been pledged to Ukraine.

The ATMOS system can carry 36 155 mm shells and reach targets at distances of up to 40 kilometers (24 miles). It can fire six shots per minute and can be mounted on most off-road 8X8 trucks.

The PULS system supports firing both unguided rockets and precision-guided missiles between ranges of 12km (7.5 miles) and 300km (186 miles).

The next acquisitions are “important for Denmark’s defense and for Denmark to be able to meet its NATO commitments,” Defense Minister Jakob Ellemann-Jensen said in January.

“The donation to Ukraine leaves a critical capability gap in defense,” he said.

In addition to the twin deal, Elbit also announced Thursday it had been awarded a \$120 million contract to supply Romania with unmanned turrets, remote-controlled weapon stations, and mortar systems.

The deals came amid increasing Western support for Ukraine amid the year-long Russian invasion.

Countries in NATO and the EU — which share 21 members — have funneled billions of dollars of arms to Kyiv that have helped it push back Moscow’s forces.

Israel has so far avoided providing direct military aid to Kyiv since Russian troops invaded Ukraine on February 24, 2022, in an attempt to avoid sparking a crisis with Moscow.