

# Indo-Pacific Defense Debrief

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

State approved a possible Foreign Military Sale to Taiwan for three **National Advanced Surface-to-Air Missile System (NASAMS)** medium-range air defense solutions and **AN/TPS-77 and AN/TPS-78 Radar Turnkey Systems**. Additionally, a sale has been approved to **Japan for Subsonic Sea-Skimming Aerial Targets, Follow-On Technical Support, and related equipment** for an estimated cost of \$113 million.

*Dept of State*

## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

DoD released the **FY25 National Defense Industrial Strategy** that seeks to identify adversarial, primarily China, sourcing risks and propose policy adjustments to further reduce said risk.

The Missile Defense Agency announced an environmental impact study and statement concerning the proposed **Enhanced Integrated Air & Missile Defense (EIAMD)** that may see the initially planned 35 locations knocked down to 16 due to impact concerns.

U.S. DoD and the Rep. of Korean Ministry of National Defense announced the **Regional Cooperation Framework for U.S.-ROK Alliance Contributions to Security in the Indo-Pacific** framework that will see further cooperative initiatives with multilateral exercises, information sharing, maritime security, capacity building and defense industrial cooperation.

*MDA, DoD News*

## AIR FORCE

Members of the Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) Directorate created a **highly mobile deployable Joint Worldwide Intelligence Communication System (JWICS) kit** that Pacific Air Forces and transient units can set up while deployed to austere locations across the Indo-Pacific. The kit allows Airmen to extend critical ISR data and applications on the most secure network at the tactical edge.

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## ARMY

The Army has awarded Kraus Hamdani Aerospace with a \$20 million contract that will support the production and delivery of **K1000ULE ultra-long distance UAS** to U.S. Army Pacific, 1st Multi-Domain Task Force and Joint Special Operations Command.

*Kraus Hamdani Aerospace*

## NAVY

Adm. Steve Koehler, commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, visited **Japan** and **South Korea** to bolster defense cooperation and discuss Indo-Pacific security issues.

*U.S. Pacific Fleet*

## EXERCISES & ACTIVITIES

**Australia** - AUKUS partners conducted the **Exercise Autonomous Warrior 2024** for the first time in Jervis Bay, NSW, Australia where they demonstrated advanced autonomous technologies. Japan participated as an observer.

**Indo-Pacific** - Fighter aircraft from the U.S., Japan, and the Republic of Korea conducted a **trilateral escort flight** of a U.S. bomber operating in the Indo-Pacific, Nov. 3, 2024.

**Japan** - The USS George Washington Carrier Strike Group (CSG) is leading a contingent of Commander, Task Force (CTF) 70 ships, aircraft and personnel participating in exercise **Keen Sword 25** from Oct. 23 to Nov. 1, 2024.

*Australia Defence, INDOPACOM*

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