

SAHA 2026: Türkiye Positions Itself as a Global Hub for Defence and Technological Cooperation

Istanbul, Türkiye – May 5–9, 2026 – The **SAHA 2026 International Defence, Aerospace and Space Industry Exhibition** will return to the Istanbul Expo Centre as one of the most prestigious global gatherings in the defence and aerospace calendar. Organised by **SAHA Istanbul**, the event will unite **over 1,500 exhibitors**, official and commercial delegations from **121 countries**, and **more than 25,000 scheduled B2B–G2B–G2G meetings** across a **100,000 sqm** exhibition space.

Beyond a Trade Show: A Strategic Platform

Reflecting **Türkiye's defence industry leadership** and commitment to international cooperation, SAHA 2026 is more than a traditional exhibition—it is a **strategic convergence point** for long-term, multi-dimensional partnerships.

In its 2024 edition, the exhibition recorded **133 strategic cooperation agreements** and a trade volume of **\$6.2 billion**, underscoring its role as a driver of industrial collaboration, procurement, and technology exchange.

Türkiye's Global Defence Leadership

Türkiye has achieved a domestic production rate of over **80%** in its defence industry, exports **65% of the world's tactical UAVs**, and ranked **11th globally** in defence exports in 2024. The sector now operates **1,380+ active projects**, generates **\$20+ billion in annual turnover**, and exports to **185 countries**—creating a **resilient, innovation-driven ecosystem** capable of meeting global demand.

Innovation and First Reveals

SAHA 2026 will showcase cutting-edge technologies including **unmanned systems, space solutions, AI-powered land, air, and naval platforms, cybersecurity innovations, and robotics**. Special zones include:

- **FPV Drone Zone** – Live demonstrations in tactical scenarios
- **SAHA UGV Challenge** – Autonomous ground vehicle trials
- **Rover Challenge** – Engineering resilience in rugged terrain
- **Disruptive Technologies Zone** – Game-changing innovations shaping the future battlespace

Over **300 next-generation products** will be unveiled for the first time.

High-Level Diplomacy and Strategic Cooperation

The exhibition will host **SAHA Talks panels, NATO DIANA events**, high-profile **signing ceremonies**, and **sector-specific sessions**—facilitating knowledge exchange, technology transfer, and industrial integration.

These engagements will draw **ministers, chiefs of defence, senior procurement officials, and global industry leaders** from across five continents.

Executive Insight

Haluk Bayraktar, Chairman of SAHA Istanbul, stated:

"Türkiye is at the heart of global defence transformation. SAHA 2026 is a strategic platform for cooperation and technology transfer. We are here not as a market, but as a solution partner."

A Regional and Global Hub

Serving as a strategic bridge between **Eurasia, the Middle East, Africa, and Europe**, SAHA 2026 reinforces **sustainable global security architecture** and strengthens **defence diplomacy through innovation**.

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