EDGE and FNSS Enter Partnership to Modernise UAE Armed Forces' BMP-3 Infantry Fighting Vehicles

EDGE entity AL TAIF to collaborate with FNSS Savunma Sistemleri A.Ş. to enhance operational readiness and battlefield performance.

Abu Dhabi, UAE: 20 February 2025 – AL TAIF, an entity of EDGE Group and a leading provider of comprehensive lifecycle support for land platforms, today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with FNSS, a globally recognised land systems company that specialises in designing and producing wheeled and tracked armoured combat vehicles as well as combat engineering vehicles, unmanned ground vehicles, military vehicle hybrid power solutions, turrets and sustainability solutions. The partnership seeks to update the UAE Armed Forces' fleet of BMP-3 infantry fighting vehicles (IFVs) to boost their operational readiness and battlefield performance.

The agreement was signed by Rashed Al Kaabi, Chief Executive Officer of AL TAIF, and Kadir Nail Kurt, General Manager and CEO of FNSS, at the International Defence Exhibition and Conference (IDEX) 2025, underway at the Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre (ADNEC) until 21 February.

Under the agreement, AL TAIF and FNSS will work together in compliance with internal policies and procedures to enhance and upgrade approximately 615 units of the BMP-3 IFV fleet of the UAE Armed Forces, to ensure they meet the today's demanding technological standards. The modernisation aims to improve the mechanical, electrical, and electronic systems of the BMP-3 IFVs, equipping them with cutting-edge capabilities for enhanced performance and operational readiness.

Speaking on the agreement, Rashed Al Kaabi, said: "By bringing together FNSS's extensive expertise in vehicle modernisation and our proven track record in MRO, we are looking to integrate advanced technologies to extend the lifespan and effectiveness of the UAE Armed Forces' armoured fleet, ultimately enhancing their mission readiness and performance. This collaboration underscores AL TAIF's dedication to innovation and excellence in defence solutions, ensuring that the UAE Armed Forces is fitted out with best-in-market systems to meet evolving operational demands."

Kadir Nail Kurt said: "FNSS has a history of success in completing modernisation programs for different armies such as Türkiye, USA, GCC countries and that of South East Asia. Leveraging our expertise in next-generation vehicle development, FNSS provides cutting-edge solutions for vehicle sustainability programs tailored to user requirements and specifications. The capability enhancement and life extension solutions from FNSS deliver substantial upgrades in reliability and durability, extending the vehicles' service life and ensuring they remain effective and relevant assets for modern combat needs."

Beyond BMP-3 modernisation, AL TAIF and FNSS will also explore broader cooperation opportunities to further support the UAE Armed Forces. This synergy reinforces the commitment of EDGE to the UAE Armed Forces and its efforts in supporting a technologically superior defence force.