

French forces order more MX-10 DAMOCLES loitering munitions: KNDS and DELAIR consolidate their position as the benchmark in the field

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Versailles - 13th October 2026 - The French Defence Procurement Agency (DGA) has renewed its confidence in KNDS and DELAIR by exercising an optional tranche of the contract signed in 2024. This new order will increase production capacity for the MX10 DAMOCLES loitering munition, with the delivery of an additional batch to the French Ministry of the Armed Forces and Veterans.

Loitering munitions have become an essential part of modern arsenals. The DGA has just confirmed this by placing a further order for MX-10 DAMOCLES with KNDS and DELAIR, two years after the initial contract in July 2024 and following first deliveries in December 2025.

With this new order, MX-10 DAMOCLES confirms its status as the reference loitering munition for the French Army and the French Navy. It is fitted with a fragmentation warhead and an arming safety device that provides a high level of safety for the operator. It can be deployed in under five

minutes and can engage a wide range of targets, up to and including protected vehicles.

Designed to operate in contested environments, the system is resilient to the latest electronic warfare capabilities. With a 10 km range and a target search capability, MX-10 DAMOCLES enables infantry to carry out a remote strike on the target once detected and identified. It was developed and qualified in record time in response to the French Ministry of the Armed Forces and Veterans' "MTO-CP" procurement programme, with a view to further integrating MX-10 DAMOCLES into the French arsenal. It is currently the subject of several export sales campaigns.

MX-10 DAMOCLES is part of MATARIS, the first family of sovereign loitering munitions, designed to engage all land targets, from logistics convoys to heavy armour.

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