

Russian missile units to be rearmed with Iskander-M systems



The operational-tactical systems will be transferred to the missile brigade of the Western Military District. Credit: Ministry of Defense of the Russian Federation

The Russian Armed Forces intends to complete the rearmament of its missile units of the Land Forces with the Iskander-M operational-tactical missile system.

As per the state defense order, the operational-tactical systems will be transferred to the missile brigade of the Western Military District by the manufacturer this year.

The brigade set comprises more than 50 units of equipment, which include transporting-charging machines, command post vehicles, launchers, maintenance vehicles, and life-support vehicles.

Also known as SS-26 Stone, the missile can engage targets with an operational range of up to 500km.

The Iskander-M is an upgraded version of the Russian Army's 9K720 Iskander mobile-theatre ballistic missile system.

It features inertial and optical-guidance systems for improved firing accuracy and an electro-optical seeker for self-homing capabilities.

It comprises two kinds of missiles: ballistic and cruising. The complex is intended to attack enemy missile launchers, anti-missile and air defense systems, aircraft at airfields, command posts and infrastructure.

According to the Ministry of the Defense of the Russian Federation, the Iskander-M is considered to be 'the best missile system in its class' that can 'overwhelm any missile defense'.

Enterprises of the military-industrial complex of the Russian Federation are undertaking modernization to boost their combat and operational characteristics.

Russian Land Forces will receive more than 1,850 pieces of automotive and special equipment this year.

Defense industry enterprises will provide modern automobile vehicles for the Russian Defense Ministry. Samples have already indicated that they can efficiently operate in various climatic zones.

Troops will also receive Typhoon-K and Typhoon-U armored vehicles.

RKhM-8 chemical reconnaissance vehicles will also be supplied to the Russian Land Forces.

The ministry's intelligence units will be reinforced by Tigr-M armored vehicles featuring the Arbalet-DM combat module with remote control, Aistenok portable radar and Fara-VR.

Signal troops will secure more than 60 modern R-441LM and R-444NL satellite communication stations.

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