Strategic Alliance In Action: Lithuania's First HIMARS Unveiled With Lockheed Martin

CAMDEN, Arkansas, May 5, 2026 – Lockheed Martin and Lithuania's Ministry of National Defence have officially unveiled the country's inaugural HIMARS launchers, a milestone that strengthens Lithuania's defence, deters aggression, and boosts interoperability with NATO partners. The ceremony took place in Camden, Arkansas, last week and was capped by a signed joint statement between Lockheed Martin and the Lithuanian Ministry of Defence to deepen cooperation on security, defence and industrial opportunities.

THE BIG PICTURE

- **Expanding Partnerships** – The joint statement – signed by Vitalija Zumerienė, Lithuania's vice-minister of National Defence and Gaylia Campbell, vice president of Tactical Missiles at Lockheed Martin – highlights a growing collaboration that will explore joint industrial opportunities, aligning with Lockheed Martin's strategy to increase its global base of suppliers and industry partners to meet increased domestic and international demand for its combat-proven capabilities.
- **Bolstering the U.S. and Allied Defense Ecosystem**– Strengthened ties with allies support Lockheed Martin's broader initiative to accelerate production, expand the global supply chain, safeguard U.S. jobs, and enhance the resilience of the U.S. defence industrial base worldwide.
- **Proven Firepower** – Already fielded by 14 NATO and partner nations, HIMARS delivers a highly mobile, precision-guided artillery platform capable of accurately striking long-range targets.

EXPERT PERSPECTIVES

- "The signed joint statement with Lockheed Martin, along with the establishment of its entity in Lithuania, represents not only a symbolic step but a tangible opportunity for closer cooperation with Lithuanian institutions, businesses, and the scientific community. We initiated this agreement to reflect Lithuania's openness and determination to create favorable conditions for the growth of the defense industry. Our goal is to attract new investments and ensure that Lithuania not only procures advanced systems but also becomes an integral part of the defense technology ecosystem," said Vice Minister of National Defence V. Zumerienė during her visit to the United States.

- "In today's security environment, seamless cooperation among allies is essential. HIMARS integrates effortlessly with NATO and partner forces, making it a vital asset for coalition operations," said Gaylia Campbell, Vice President of Tactical Missiles, Lockheed Martin. "Lockheed Martin remains committed to providing Lithuania with the capabilities it needs to protect its sovereignty and contribute to regional security."

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