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UK to manufacture long-range strike drones for Ukraine

UK and Ukraine sign deal to build mid- and long-range strike drones in Britain, funded from a £500M+ aid package.

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Britain is turning Ukraine aid into a factory order

UK and Ukraine signed a deal to build mid- and long-range strike drones in Britain, funded from a £500M+ aid package. Ukraine's Defence Minister Yevhen Khmara and UK Defence Secretary Wes Streeting signed the deal in Kyiv.

"Middle strike" covers targets about 35–300 km behind the front line. Funding comes from the £500M+ ($654M) package announced last month, inside a UK commitment of over £10B ($13.3B) for 2027.

Under these agreements signed in Kyiv, mid-range middle strike drones and long-range strike drones will be built in the UK with British money and shipped to Ukraine's forces. Funding comes from last month's £500M+ ($654M) package, part of a UK commitment of over £10B for 2027.

No volumes or suppliers have been named yet. *For UK defence manufacturers, though, this points to steady domestic orders.* It also continues Europe's shift from donating stockpiles to building production lines.

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