

## Minister of National Defence Nikos Dendias Attends “Modern Fighter” Upgrade Program

The recent presentation of the “Modern Fighter” upgrade program, which took place on February 4, 2025, at the Hellenic Military Academy, marks an important step toward enhancing the capabilities of the Greek Armed Forces. The program’s primary goal is to equip soldiers with cutting-edge technology and upgraded gear to meet the demands of modern warfare, focusing on five key areas: survival, communication, awareness, agility, and firepower.

The Minister of National Defence, Nikos Dendias, highlighted the significance of modernizing the military, emphasizing that no modern armed force could function effectively without modern fighters. The program will provide soldiers with new equipment, such as advanced helmets, body armor, sensors, communication systems, and weapons, essentially transforming the Greek soldier into a “21st Century Greek fighter.”

The program, which is part of Greece’s Long Term Defence Armament Program, has a budget of 204 million euros, with an implementation timeline that will see the entire Hellenic Army outfitted by 2030. Dendias also pointed out that a significant portion of the equipment will be sourced from the domestic defense industry, thus supporting local economic development.

The first delivery of the upgraded equipment is scheduled for the summer of 2026, and the program’s focus will be on creating a self-sufficient defense ecosystem capable of meeting Greece’s defense needs well into the future.

