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Modern logistics vehicle delivered by a joint project between DAF Trucks, Tatra Trucks, Tatra Defence and VDL Groep will be unveiled at BEDEX 2026

From March 12 to 14, the first edition of BEDEX 2026 (Brussels European Defence Exhibition & Conference), focused on defense and security, will take place in Brussels, Belgium. At the exhibition, Dutch truck manufacturer DAF Trucks, Czech companies Tatra Trucks and Tatra Defence, together with the Dutch high tech manufacturing company VDL Groep, will jointly present for the first time the result of their cooperation: the heavy military logistics vehicle DAF CF Military built on the Tatra Phoenix platform, designed for the Belgian market.

In recent years, DAF Trucks, in cooperation with Tatra Trucks, through its subsidiary Tatra Export, was awarded a tender issued by the Belgian Army for logistics and special vehicles, delivering hundreds of DAF CF Military vehicles in 4x4 and 8x8 configurations, developed on the Tatra Phoenix platform. Building on this success, a new project for the Belgian market has been launched through the collaboration between DAF Trucks, Tatra Trucks, Tatra Defence, and VDL Groep. At BEDEX 2026, experts and the public alike will be able to see the result of this project in the form of a heavy-duty DAF CF Military 6x6 logistics vehicle featuring an armored cab with a high level of ballistic and mine protection, based on the Tatra Phoenix model line.

Tatra Trucks is responsible for supplying the chassis featuring its unique design concept, including a central backbone tube and independently air-suspended half-axles. DAF Trucks supplies the powerpack and standard cab for the project, Tatra Defence provides the technological know-how and certification for armoured cabin production, while VDL Groep's Belgian subsidiary handles parts manufacturing, integration, and final vehicle assembly in Belgium. Due to the development and manufacturing synergies of all the participating companies, this vehicle provides a fully compliant platform and a significant level of localization for the Belgian market.

The BEDEX exhibition focuses on the strategic strengthening of European defense (ReArm Europe plan) and on fostering connections between Belgian and European companies within the European defense ecosystem, as well as with institutions such as NATO and the EU. The main themes of this year's edition include innovation in defense technologies, cybersecurity, drones, space security, and the transformation of the Ukrainian defense sector.

About Tatra Trucks

Tatra Trucks, a joint-stock company, took over the world-renowned brand Tatra in 2013 and is based in Kopřivnice, Czech Republic. In addition to standardized model lines, Tatra also manufactures specialised trucks tailored to specific customer requirements. The domestic markets of the Czech Republic and Slovakia are highly important, but with an increasing number of vehicles exported to dozens of countries worldwide. Tatra Trucks employs more than 2,000 people, with an additional 700 working at its subsidiary Tatra Metalurgie, which focuses primarily on foundry and forging operations. The shareholders of Tatra Trucks are the Czech industrial and technology group CSG and the Czech engineering company Promet Group.

About Tatra Defence

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The Tatra Defence (TD) brand covers three companies: Tatra Defence Vehicle (TDV), Tatra Defence Systems (TDS) and Tatra Defence Projects (TDP), which are based in Kopřivnice, Czechia. TD is engaged in the production of military land and special equipment and is part of the industrial-technological group CSG. TD specializes in the development, production and integration of wheeled armored and special vehicles, the production of key structural units and the implementation of technologically demanding production programs. It is located next to the Tatra Trucks automobile plant, whose chassis it uses for the production of various types of vehicles. The TD brand's production portfolio includes the Pandur 8x8, TITUS and Tadeas wheeled armored vehicles, as well as the production of armored cabins, special superstructures and structural units for military vehicles and weapon systems. TD also participates in cooperation with other companies of the CSG group in the production and integration of components for NATO ground force systems. TD has modern production facilities, its own technological processes and qualified personnel, and has long-term cooperation with leading European and global defense technology manufacturers.

About DAF Trucks N.V.

DAF Trucks N.V. is a subsidiary of PACCAR Inc, a global technology company that designs and manufactures light, medium and heavy-duty trucks. DAF provides a full range of tractor units and vocational trucks, offering the right vehicle for every transport application. DAF is also a leading provider of services, including MultiSupport repair and maintenance contracts, financial services from PACCAR Financial and a first-class parts delivery service from PACCAR Parts.

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About VDL Groep

Strength through cooperation. This is the cornerstone of VDL Groep, the international industrial family business with its headquarters in Brainport Eindhoven. The company was founded in 1953. Seventy years on, the company has been run by the third generation of the Van der Leegte family since 2016. VDL Groep employs approximately 14,000 employees and operates in 20 countries. The group consists of more than 100 specialist operating companies that all work closely together. The activities of these companies can be summarised in the 'five worlds of VDL': Hightech, Mobility, Energy, Infratech and Foodtech. The combined annual turnover stood at 4.281 billion euro in 2024.

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