Falcon Strike – the first Multinational Attack Drone Task Force managed by US Special Operations Command Central

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On **August 13, 2026**, the **United States Central Command** (**CENTCOM**) announced the creation of the first **multi-domain** and **multinational task force** dedicated to **attack drones**: the **Task Force Falcon Strike**.

Details of the new unit

- **Multi-domain operations:** The force will employ **one-way attack drones**, utilizing **unmanned systems** operating **above, on, and below the sea surface**.
- **Joint force:** Operations will see the **collaboration** of **U.S. military support personnel** and representatives from **regional partners**.

- **Leadership and command:** The **task force** will be led by personnel from the **U.S. Special Operations Command Central** (**SOCCENT**) — headquartered at **MacDill Air Force Base** in Tampa — along with **regional delegates**. The **SOCCENT** coordinates **special operations** in the **CENTCOM** area of responsibility, which spans 21 countries across the **Middle East**, **Central Asia**, and **South Asia**.

From the foundations of Scorpion Strike to regional expansion

The launch of **Falcon Strike** comes nine months after the establishment of the **Task Force Scorpion Strike**, the first **squadron** dedicated to **one-way attack drones** in **U.S. military** history in the **Middle East**.

In recent months, **Scorpion Strike** has achieved significant **operational milestones**:

- The first-ever launch of an **air attack drone** from a **U.S. Navy warship** last December.
- The deployment of **unmanned aerial systems** during **Operation Epic Fury**.
- The use of **unmanned surface attack vessels** during raids against **Iranian port facilities** in July.

Towards a unified deterrent

Leveraging the **success** and **innovation** of **regional partners**, Admiral **Brad Cooper**, commander of **CENTCOM**, emphasized how the new **task force** aims to **integrate** and **deploy** new **technological capabilities** jointly.

The **CENTCOM** has already initiated **consultations** to officially invite **area partners**: as various countries formally join, **Falcon Strike** will expand its **attack capabilities** to become a **multinational and multi-domain unified deterrent** throughout the **Middle East**.

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