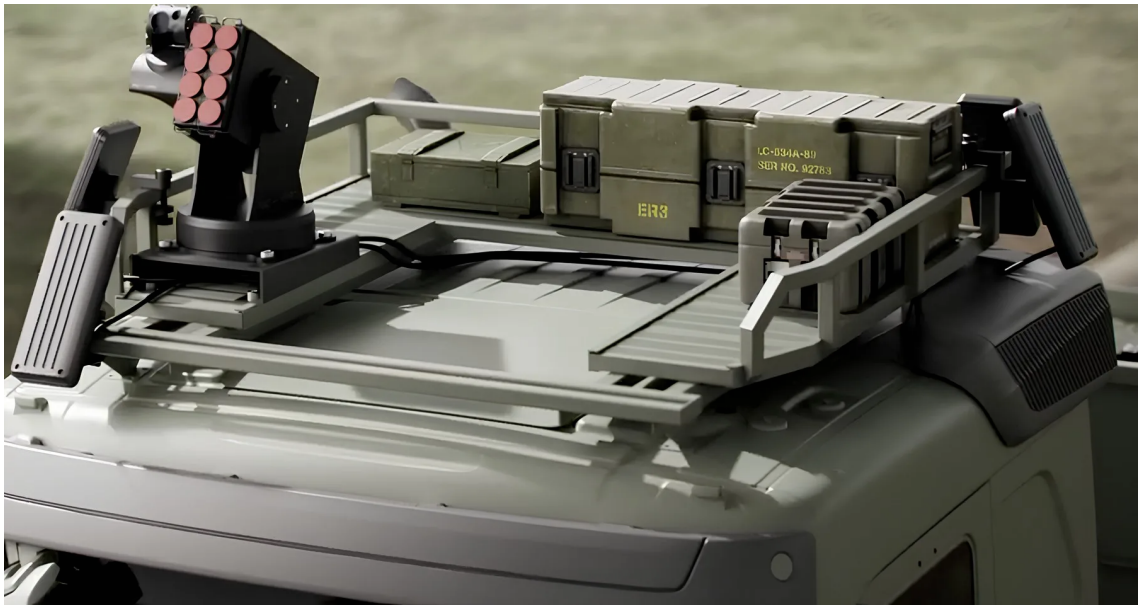

Volvo and Nordic Air Defence together for VIPRO: the new European anti-drone pod

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At the defense exhibition DSEI in London, one of the most prestigious showcases in the sector, Volvo Defense and the Swedish start-up Nordic Air Defence announced a partnership destined to make headlines: **VIPRO** is born, a mobile counter-drone system (CUAS – Counter-Unmanned Aircraft System) designed to protect military vehicles from the growing threat of armed and low-cost commercial drones.

The core of the project is the integration of Nordic Air Defence's **Kreuger 100XR** interceptor on tactical trucks produced by Volvo Defense. The result will be a mobile, modular, and scalable platform capable of quickly reacting to drone incursions, particularly the deadly FPV (first-person view) drones, used with devastating effectiveness in contemporary conflicts.

«**VIPRO combines Volvo's engineering excellence with Nordic Air Defence's innovative and agile capability** – stated Karl Rosander, co-founder and CEO of Nordic Air Defence –. It is a

European solution, designed to address the number one threat of today's and tomorrow's land warfare».

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Features of the VIPRO system

The interceptor pod, launchable directly from the vehicle, is presented as a **modular capsule**, adaptable to different platforms and operational scenarios. The **Kreuger 100XR**, a lightweight munition guided by advanced software, is designed to neutralize aerial targets quickly and precisely, without requiring complex infrastructures.

The project stands out for three key elements:

- **Mobility**: ability to move along with logistical columns or combat units.
- **Scalability**: possibility to install pods on different vehicles and in varying numbers depending on the mission.
- **Cost-effectiveness**: countering threats that cost a few hundred euros with a sustainable system replicable on a large scale.

«**Vehicle protection is not only a military issue but also a matter of resilience for modern societies** – emphasized Andreas Svenungsson, president of Volvo Defense –. Collaboration with dynamic start-ups like Nordic Air Defence allows us to accelerate development and offer more flexible solutions».

A concept that reflects the evolution of contemporary warfare: while drones are revolutionizing the battlefield, trucks and transport vehicles remain indispensable for logistics but are increasingly vulnerable to these attacks.

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The strategic context

The initiative fits into a framework of increasing attention to the protection of land vehicles. In February 2025, the **Försvarets materielverk (FMV)**, the Swedish Defense Materiel Administration, ordered 775 trucks from Scania and Volvo to support the expansion of the Swedish Armed Forces. A signal that reaffirms the centrality of heavy vehicles in NATO planning and the need to make them safer against new asymmetric threats.

The launch of VIPRO is scheduled for **2026**, with the aim of offering a European, agile, and competitive system to protect armed forces and logistical infrastructures in conflict scenarios increasingly characterized by the massive use of drones.

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