

RNZAC ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER #203 October 2021

Meetings **Happy Hour: Thursday 4 November 2021 at 1700 hrs at the Papanui RSA. To be followed by a Committee Meeting.**

Whose is it?



Admin & Log

There are several attachments to this month's newsletter. The RNZAC Association President has provided his Annual Report. There is a copy of the Financial Report for the RNZAC Association AGM. Also attached is a letter from the RNZAC History Project Trust with an update on their situation.

RNZAC Association - Cambrai Commemoration - Sunday 21 November 2021

This is all about what Cambrai means to us and getting together and enjoying the company of comrades and friends.

- 12 noon. Cambrai Church Service, St Paul's Anglican Church, Harewood Road

- 12:45 pm Papanui RSA: Drinks followed by a buffet lunch then by the RNZAC Association and the Canterbury Branch AGMs. If you are interested in joining the committee, please contact Len Haynes.

Non RNZAC Assoc members are welcome to attend but do not have voting rights at the AGM's.

Cost for lunch: \$10 pp.

Please note: For catering purposes, please contact Mike Sheppard with numbers attending by Tuesday 16 November.

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Answer: Turkey

Turkish bus and military vehicle manufacturer Otokar has entered a partnership with Milrem Robotics to develop un-crewed and robotic military vehicles.

The collaboration will leverage the expertise and resources of the two companies to work on their existing fleets of vehicles and deliver new systems.

As agreed, work will include the development of intelligent functions, encryption, safety features, as well as hybridisation of the vehicles.

The two companies signed the collaboration agreement during the Defence and Security Equipment International (DSEI) exhibition in London.

Milrem Robotics CEO Kuldar Väärssi said: "We anticipate that the future battlefield will consist of a mix of unmanned and manned assets which are seamlessly connected into a well-functioning integrated system.

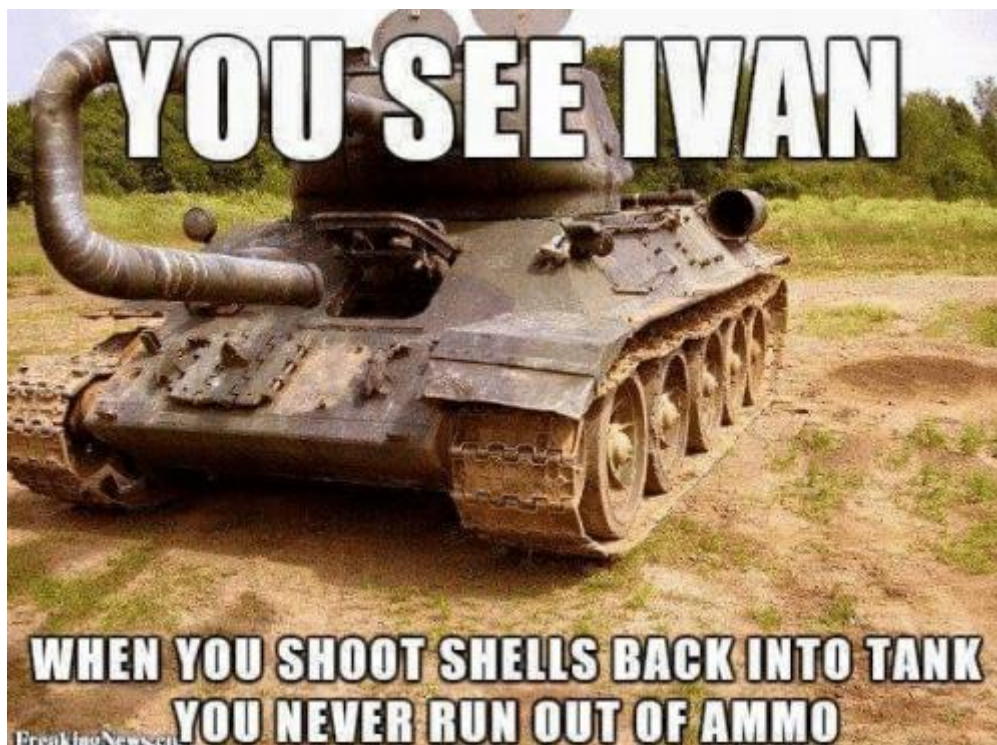
"Combining the knowhow and expertise of Milrem Robotics, the leading technology provider and systems house for not only autonomous and robotic systems, but also for optionally manned ground systems and Otokar, a strong and innovative land systems provider, will allow us to deliver our customers new capabilities in the land systems segment."

Otokar general manager Serdar Görgüç said: "I'm confident the combination of Otokar's combat-proven knowhow and unique R&D, engineering and testing capabilities in armoured vehicles and the Milrem Robotics' expertise and knowhow in autonomy, artificial intelligence and remote control will lead to significant developments in unmanned and remote-controlled land systems."

The collaboration comes at a time when the defence industry is increasingly focusing on the development of uncrewed systems to meet future battlefield requirements.

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