

Army to Buy 750 Pieces of Hardware in 2014

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The Ground Forces will purchase more than 750 units of military hardware in 2014, including Iskander-M missile systems, Tornado-G multiple-launch rocket systems and Typhoon and Tigr-M armored vehicles, the Defense Ministry said in a statement Monday, ahead of the Ground Forces Day celebrated in Russia on Oct. 1.

According to the ministry, the Ground Forces received about 600 units of military hardware in 2013, including 152-mm Msta-S self-propelled howitzers and various types of command and communications vehicles.

In addition, about 100 T-72 main battle tanks and over 100 BMP-2 infantry fighting vehicles were overhauled and delivered to the Ground Forces this year, the ministry said.

In line with the recent military reform, the strength of the Ground Forces has been set at about 300,000 personnel, including conscripts and professional soldiers.

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