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$1Bln Arms Deal Signed With Angola

The country's state arms export monopoly has signed a $1 billion deal package with Angola to deliver military equipment, build an ammunition plant and provide maintenance services, Vedomosti reported Wednesday.

Rosoboronexport will supply 18 Su-30K fighter jets to the southern African nation, Vedomosti reported, citing sources at the arms exports company and the Russian military.

The Su-30K fighters in question are a batch of aircraft that were initially supplied to India in the late 1990s, prior to Delhi receiving the more advanced multirole Su-30MKI variant. They were returned to Russia in 2007 and have since lain idle in a Belarussian repair plant.

They had previously been offered to Belarus, Sudan and Vietnam.

Also on the list are Mi-17 transport helicopters, tanks, artillery, firearms and ammunition, the newspaper said.

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2104 Launch Date for First Russian Privately Owned Spacecraft

Russia will launch its first ever spacecraft to be 100 percent funded by domestic private capital on board a Soyuz-2-1B carrier rocket in February 2014, the Skolkovo high-tech hub said Tuesday.

The DX-1 mini-satellite, designed and built by the Dauria Aerospace group, will test the equipment, technology and software to create a unified platform of small spacecraft. It will also carry an Automatic Identification System receiver to monitor global shipping routes.

Dauria Aerospace is planning to set up a compact mission control center in Skolkovo to operate its own satellites in the future, the aerospace company's general director Sergei Ivanov said, according to the Skolkovo hub. Dauria has signed a contract with South Korea's Samsung electronics manufacturer to supply equipment for the mission control center, Ivanov said.

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