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Asia-Pacific Region Takes Lions Share of Russian Arms Sales

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About half of all Russia's military hardware exports are sent to Asian and Pacific region countries, Russia's state-controlled arms trader Rosoboronexport said Monday.

Russia is looking to expand its arms exports into nontraditional markets, Viktor Brakunov, a senior Rosoboronexport executive told journalists ahead of a large international arms market in Bangkok.

"Almost half of Russian military technology and arms exports arrive in South East Asia or the Asia-Pacific region," he said.

One of the world's largest exporters of arms, Russia last year sold about $15.7 billion of military equipment. India is one of the top buyers of Russian arms, with Vietnam, Myanmar and Middle Eastern nations also leading customers.

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