

Table 2: States close to operating MALE-type armed drones

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	Country	To begin ops:	Drone type	Internally developed?	From	Note
1.	Albania	?	Bayraktar TB2		Turkey	Signed contract to purchase 3 Bayraktar in Dec 2022.
2.	Algeria	?	Aksungur		Turkey	Signed contract to purchase 6 Aksungur in Oct 2022.
3.	Angola	?	Aksungur		Turkey	Signed contract for unknown number of Aksungur drones.
4.	Bangladesh	?	Bayraktar TB2		Turkey	Reportedly a deal has been signed but not yet confirmed.
5.	DRC	?	CH-4		China	Report that China is to supply 9 CH-4 drones to DRC
6.	Germany	2024	Heron TP		Israel	Initial operational capability set for mid-2024
7.	India	?	TAPAS BH-201 MQ-9 SkyGuardian	x	US	Developing MALE drone and seeking to acquire armed systems from US
8.	Italy	?	MQ9-Reaper		US	Plan to arm their unarmed Reaper drones
9.	Kuwait	?	Bayraktar TB2		Turkey	Contract signed in Jan 2023. Not clear when will be delivered or operational
10.	Malaysia	?	Anka		Turkey	Malaysia announced it was to procure the Anka but not clear if contract signed.
11.	Netherlands	?	MQ-9 Reaper		US	Exploring whether to arm their unarmed Reaper drones
12.	Romania	?	Bayraktar TB2		Turkey	Romania seeking to acquire Bayraktar but not clear if contract yet signed.
13.	Taiwan	2025?	Teng Yun MQ-9 SeaGuardian		US	Armed drone under development and awaiting delivery of US drone in 2025
14.	Uzbekistan	?	Lochin	x		Armed drone under development