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Harsh Competition in Combat Vehicles Field

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The Slovak army is planning to modernize its equipment over the next decade, including new four-wheeled combat vehicles. Within this framework, 10 armored vehicles from Turkey, as well as Germany, France, Canada, Switzerland, the Czech Republic, the United Arab Emirates, and Slovakia were run through trials on a test track, according to hurriyetdailynews.com.

Two Turkish-made armored vehicles bested their foreign rivals in the performance tests in Slovakia. The tests were done to allow the Slovak army to see the performance of the Ejder Yalçın and Cobra II vehicles, according to Turkish defense sources, who asked not to be named due to confidentiality concerns.

The Ejder Yalçın – co-produced by Nurol Machine and FNSS – is a unique platform that has high protection and mobility, developed to meet the operational requirements of military units and security forces in every region including rural and urban areas. As different payloads can be integrated into the vehicle, it can be customized for various applications. It was designed with special consideration of user's operational & ergonomic requirements, according to ejderyalcin.com.

The Cobra II made by Otokar is a modular platform with outstanding mobility capability and 9 crew carrying capacity. The vehicle provides protection, firepower and mission equipment for users at different types of missions, according to otokar.com.

When the vehicles showed off their skills on the track in Slovakia, the Turkish duo excelled in power, endurance and mobility tests, said the sources.

Slovakia is expected to add hundreds of armored vehicles to its inventory.

Thanks to their successful tests, the Turkish combat vehicles are reportedly front-runners in the procurement process, added the sources.