

PRESS RELEASE**01.09.2026****BMC TO EXHIBIT KİRPİ II AT THE FIRST-EVER
BALKAN SHIELD 2026****First Balkan Shield Industrial Expo & Summit****1–4 September 2026 | Zetra Olympic Hall, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina**

BMC, one of Türkiye's leading military vehicle manufacturers, will participate in the Balkan Shield Industrial Expo & Summit, to be held for the first time in Sarajevo, the capital of Bosnia and Herzegovina, from 1 to 4 September 2026. At the exhibition, BMC will showcase the KİRPİ II 4x4, an enhanced version of the legendary KİRPİ in the mine-resistant vehicle class.

Bringing together international representatives of the defence industry in the Balkans, the Balkan Shield Industrial Expo & Summit provides industry professionals with the opportunity to develop new partnerships, assess technological capabilities and explore alternative solutions to address regional requirements.

The KİRPİ II 4x4, which will be exhibited at the show, takes driving dynamics and personnel comfort to a higher level thanks to its independent suspension system. Standing out with its monocoque armored cabin structure, high ballistic protection level and advanced safety systems, the vehicle meets the requirements of the modern battlefield through its CBRN protection system, automatic fire suppression system, intercom system and mission-specific integrated equipment solutions. The KİRPİ II 4x4 also provides effective solutions for various operational requirements with its special variant integrating a robotic arm for explosive ordnance detection and disposal.

KİRPİ II serving in Bosnia and Herzegovina

The KİRPİ II plays an important role in defence industry cooperation between Türkiye and Bosnia and Herzegovina. The KİRPİ II armoured vehicles donated by Türkiye were officially delivered to the Armed Forces of Bosnia and Herzegovina at a ceremony held at the Rajlovac Military Barracks in Sarajevo in June 2025.

A new step was also taken in 2026 as part of defence industry cooperation between the two countries. During the EFES 2026 Exercise held in İzmir, a new contract was signed between the Ministry of Defence of Bosnia and Herzegovina and BMC for the procurement of the KİRPİ II

Ambulance variant.

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The longstanding friendship and developing strategic cooperation between Türkiye and Bosnia and Herzegovina continue to be strengthened through new projects implemented in the field of defence industry.

Throughout Balkan Shield 2026, BMC will welcome defence industry representatives, official delegations and visitors at its Stand A16.

VEHICLES ON DISPLAY

KİRPİ II – MINE-RESISTANT VEHICLE



An enhanced version of the KİRPİ platform, the KİRPİ II 4x4 elevates both driving dynamics and crew comfort to a superior level through its independent suspension system. Standing out with its monocoque armored cabin structure, high ballistic protection level and advanced safety systems, the vehicle meets the requirements of the modern battlefield through its CBRN protection system, automatic fire suppression system, intercom system and mission-specific integrated equipment solutions. The KİRPİ II 4x4 also provides effective solutions for various operational requirements with its special variant integrating a robotic arm for explosive ordnance detection and disposal.