

## Raksha Rajya Mantri Shri Sanjay Seth Inaugurates the Strategic Joint Venture between MKU and Sondos Advanced Industry at WDS Riyadh 2026

At **MKU Limited**, we are pleased to announce the formation of **Tuwaiq Armour Industrial Corporation**, a strategic joint venture with **Sondos Advanced Industry**. The JV was **inaugurated by Shri Sanjay Seth**, Raksha Rajya Mantri, Ministry of Defence, Government of India, at the ongoing defence exhibition World Defense Expo in Riyadh. This joint venture represents a significant milestone in our long-standing engagement with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and reinforces our commitment to the Kingdom's local defence manufacturing and long-term capability development.



Through Tuwaiq Armour, we intend to localise the manufacturing of advanced soldier protection solutions in Saudi Arabia, including ballistic helmets, body armour, and hard armour plates. The joint venture is closely aligned with Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030 objectives to strengthen domestic defence manufacturing, retain critical technologies within the Kingdom, and build a resilient national defence industrial base.

*"The formation of Tuwaiq Armour reflects our long-term intent in Saudi Arabia," said Mr. Karan Gupta, VP-International Sales, MKU Ltd. "We are moving beyond a supply-led engagement towards becoming an embedded manufacturing and capability partner. Together with Sondos, we aim to build sustainable industrial capacity that supports the operational needs of Saudi defence and security forces over the long term."*

Speaking at the occasion, Ms. Tarfa Abdulrhman Al-Motari, CEO & President of Sondos Advanced Industry, said, *"We are excited to deepen our collaboration with Indian defence*

*companies, and Tuwaiq Armour represents one of our important new ventures in this direction. Partnerships such as this strengthen Saudi Arabia's industrial capabilities while bringing world-class technology and expertise into the Kingdom. This aligns closely with Vision 2030's goals of localisation, knowledge transfer, and building a self-reliant defence industrial ecosystem, and we look forward to working even more closely with Indian partners in the future."*

## **Building Local Manufacturing and Indigenous Capability**

Under the Tuwaiq Armour framework, we have established dedicated manufacturing capabilities within Saudi Arabia for soldier protection systems. These facilities combine MKU's globally proven technologies, materials expertise, and manufacturing processes with Sondos' established local industrial infrastructure and market insight.



Our focus is on structured technology transfer, workforce development, and the creation of indigenous know-how, ensuring that production, technical expertise, and lifecycle support are rooted within the Kingdom.

## MKU–Sondos Co-Exhibition at World Defense Show 2026



At World Defense Show 2026, we have co-exhibited with Sondos Advanced Industry to showcase **Kavro Tuwaiq** soldier protection solutions. The co-exhibition features advanced body armour systems, ballistic helmets, and hard armour plates designed to address diverse operational and threat environments.

This showcase will highlight our combat-proven protection technologies and demonstrate how these systems are being adapted for localisation and future in-country manufacturing under the Tuwaiq Armour initiative.

### **ABOUT MKU:**

MKU Limited is a global defence and homeland security company on a mission to empower heroes. With operations in India, Germany, Brazil and the UAE, MKU is a leading provider of advanced optronics and ballistic protection solutions for soldiers and platforms across the military, paramilitary, homeland security, law enforcement, and special forces.

Over the years, MKU has delivered protection to over 3 million soldiers and 3,000+ platforms across 230 forces in more than 100 countries. Their solutions are designed to instil confidence in those who stand in the line of duty.

MKU's Netro range of smart optronics devices provides unmatched aiming, airborne, surveillance, and situational awareness capabilities. These devices are designed for handheld, weapon-mounted, or head-mounted applications, enabling superior performance in the most demanding environments.

Their Kavro range of protection solutions offers enhanced ballistic safety, modularity, and mission compatibility through smart technologies, ergonomic design, and advanced

functionality. This includes ballistic helmets, body armours, ballistic shields, and armour solutions for naval, air, and land platforms and vehicles.

Through Navro Platform Maintenance, MKU offers maintenance, repair, and overhaul (MRO) services that enhance night enablement and upgrade situational awareness, surveillance, and reconnaissance capabilities of key assets such as aircraft, helicopters, naval vessels, Armoured Fighting Vehicles (AFVs), Infantry Combat Vehicles (ICVs), and Air Defence Systems.

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