

# Environment

Emergence of Asymmetric/Unconventional Threats Requires Different Capabilities to Counter/Thwart



# Clear Operational Need

# Asymmetric/Unconventional Threats Drive Need for:

- Fixed/Mobile High Value Asset Security
- Harbor and Port Security
- Maritime Intercept Operations
- Surveillance and Reconnaissance
- Riverine Operations

### What's Needed?

Capability to Detect and Respond Rapidly to Potential and Emergent Threats in Military and Public Environments

- Protect Waterways and Oceans
- Persistently Survey Wide Maritime Areas
- Remove or Distance Humans from Hazards
- Detect Hostile Intent via Remote or Automated Means
- Operate Continuously: 24/7, All Weather
- Remain Affordable

## Why An Unmanned Surface Vehicle?



- Dramatically Reduces Risk To Personnel And High Value Assets
- Optimally Performs The Hazardous Missions Day And Night
- Provides Mission Flexibility With Reconfigurable Mission Modules
- Can Provide Real-time Input To Wider Tactical Picture
- Proportionate And Scalable Response



### (Protector Is:)

#### Control

•Sea or Shore-based Control Unit with ability to hand-off unit control

#### **Platform**

•Length: 9-11 m.

Propulsion: Water Jet

·Engine: Diesel

·Payload: 1000 Kg.

#### **Security Payload**

- Spotlight
- Public Address

#### Communication

- Data Link
- Video Link
- Audio Link

#### Mission Modules

- Anti-Terror/Force Protection
- Modular Design supports other missions
  - > SOF
  - > Anti-Surface Warfare
  - > Electronic Warfare

#### Navigation

- ·Radar
- ·GPS
- ·Nav. Lights
- ·Nav. Camera

### **Advanced Electro-Optical System - Toplite**

**Multi-Sensor Electro-Optical payload** 

#### CAPABILITY

- Day & Night Surveillance
- Highly stabilized mount
- Automated Target Tracking



#### **SENSORS**

- FLIR
- Low Light TV
- Laser Range Finder

In U.S. Inventory

### Naval Stabilized Gun - Mini Typhoon MK49 MOD0



**Ammunition Box** 

Lightweight, Remote Controlled,

Stabilized Machine Gun System

### Robust, Proven NLOS Communications Link



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Singapore's Ministry of Defence (MINDEF) has acknowledged the hitherto undisclosed purchase of Rafael Protector unmanned surface vehicles (USVs) to support maritime security and interdiction operations recently undertaken by the Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN) in the northern Arabian Gulf.

The Singapore Armed Forces' house journal Pioneer acknowledged that a small number of Predator USVs were acquired from Rafael, Israel's Armament Development Authority, last year to operate the landing ship RSS Resolution during its three-month deployment to the gulf, which was completed in March 2005. During its time in theatre, Resolution was tasked with assisting the protection of the Al-Basrah Oil Terminal from terrorist attacks, according to MINDEF.

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Protector USV 'off the shelf', the RSN is also a participant in the US Navy's Spartan Scout USV advanced concept technology demonstration programme, which is exploring the concept of a USV that is able to flex between roles using interchangeable mission modules. A developmental Spartan vehicle was recently taken to Singapore for trials and demonstration purposes.





### **Current Status**

- Protector Actively Being Used with Weapon for High Value Asset Protection and Area Surveillance
- Protector Bought by 3 Navies and counting
- Product Improved with 360 Viewer
- Protector Asset is Available for User Operational Evaluation Now

