RUSSIA UNVEILS SU-30SME FIGHTER EXPORT VERSION AT SINGAPORE AIRSHOW

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Russia has unveiled the export version of the Sukhoi Su-30SME (NATO reporting name: Flanker-C) multipurpose fighter jet at the Singapore Airshow 2016, a source in the defense and industrial sector said.

"The Su-30SME aircraft [the export version of the Su-30SM fighter jet] has been shown on the international market for the first time," the source said.

"Its development aims to offer foreign customers a fighter jet equipped with a Russian-made avionics suite," the source added.

Unlike the Su-30MKI fighter jet, the avionics suite mounted on the Su-30SME aircraft's version lacks French-made components, the source said.

Russian-made components for the Su-30SME fighter jet's avionics suite have allowed enhancing the aircraft's capabilities.

According to the source, Southeast Asian, Middle East and North African countries have already

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shown interest in the new fighter jet.

The Su-30SM (SM standing for serial-produced, upgraded) multipurpose fighter jet is designed both to gain air supremacy and attack ground and surface targets. The fighter jet has canards and engines with a controlled thrust vector, which makes the aircraft supermaneuverable.

The Su-30SM fighter jet is equipped with the Bars multipurpose control radar.

The fighter jet's ammunition load comprises a wide range of munitions, including air-to-air missiles and air-to-surface precision guided weapons.

The Su-30SM fighter jet can be used to train pilots for future single-seat fighter jets. The Su-30SM fighter jet has been manufactured for the Russian Air Force since 2012.

Four Su-30SM batch-produced fighters (Russian Air Force modification) were supplied for Kazakh Air Force in 2015.

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