

MSPO 2010 the place to talk about the future of Bulgarian navy

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Anju Angiełow, the new, dynamic head on the Bulgarian Ministry of Defence said. It has been recently revealed that during MSPO in Kielce (6 - 9 September 2010) the new, dynamic head on the Bulgarian Ministry of Defence held the decisive talks with the representatives of the main European corporations producing armaments about the delivery of the missile systems for both vessels. We have also been informed that in Kielce Angiełow had a series of meeting with the representatives of the European missile technologies house MBDA, and the representatives of the Norwegian corporation Kongsberg and trade representatives of SAAB group, among others.

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Anju Angielow, the new, dynamic head of the Bulgarian Ministry of Defence paid compliments to the organization of MSPO 2010 and to the achievements of Polish defence industry sector / Photo - Bulgarian Ministry of Defence

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