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### Czech Republic commissions Rheinmetall to maintain Leopard 2 main battle tanks and Büffel 3 armoured recovery vehicles – contract worth up to €250 million

The Czech Ministry of Defence has commissioned Rheinmetall to provide extensive service and maintenance work for the Leopard 2A4 main battle tank and the Bergepanzer 3 “Büffel” armoured recovery vehicle. A corresponding comprehensive follow-up service contract was signed in Prague on 11 August 2025. The contractor is Rheinmetall Landsysteme GmbH.

The contract now concluded has a term of seven years. It covers various services and goods for the maintenance of 42 Leopard 2A4 main battle tanks and two Bergepanzer 3 Büffel (“buffalo”) armoured recovery vehicles. The contract value amounts to up to EUR 250 million.

The services include the initial and follow-up supply of spare parts, customer service support, factory and assembly repairs, training services, technical and logistical support, the provision of interim infrastructure, and the corresponding project management.



Rheinmetall Landsysteme GmbH also intends to cooperate with Czech industry in fulfilling the contract and to award corresponding subcontracts. The focus here will be on repair and maintenance support with , including the necessary transfer of know-how. To this end, a letter of intent was also signed on 11 August 2025 with the Czech state-owned company VOP CZ s.p. in the presence of

representatives of the Czech Ministry of Defence.

Under various contracts, the Czech Armed Forces will receive a total of 42 Leopard 2A4 battle tanks and two Büffel (“buffalo”) armoured recovery vehicles. Rheinmetall refurbished and delivered these vehicles for the Czech Armed Forces, partly on behalf of the German Federal Government and partly on behalf of the Czech Government.

*((Image above: Leopard 2A4 CZ. Image below: Lubor Koudelka, Director General of the Armaments and Acquisition Division of the Ministry of Defence of the Czech Republic, and Dr Björn Bernhard, CEO of Rheinmetall Landsysteme GmbH, at the signing of the contract))*



## ► Key facts

- Rheinmetall receives major follow-up service contract from Czech Ministry of Defence
- Contract worth up to €250 million, seven-year term
- Maintenance of 42 Leopard 2A4 battle tanks and two Bergepanzer3 Büffel armoured recovery vehicles
- Cooperation with Czech industry

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