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## The company from Konya exports the recently popular magazine shotgun to the USA



The arms company, which started production in the Beyşehir district of Konya by patenting the world-famous Tokarev brand, known as the first semi-automatic war gun produced by the Soviet Union in World War 2, exports the recently popular smoothbore hunting rifle to the USA.

Süleyman Alaboğa, owner of TokarevArms company located in Yeşilyurt Industrial Site in Beyşehir, stated that Tokarev is a war gun produced in the 2nd World War and said, "This is a very famous gun, everyone in the world knows it. Currently, we have patented this brand and patented it in America

as Tokarev US. We are sending our magazine, semi-automatic and bullpup smoothbore hunting rifles, which we produce under the Tokarev brand, to the USA, he said.

He moved from apparel to the arms industry

Alaboğa, who also told the story of his transition to the weapons industry while having a workplace operating in the garment industry, stated that the transition to the weapons industry happened by chance, which they never thought of. Alaboğa emphasized that after completing his national duty in 1996, he established his own business in the garment industry and operated in the ready-made clothing industry until 2015 He explained that in 2010, during the period known as the Iran-Iraq craze, his friends who came to the garment workplace from abroad started asking him for a hunting rifle, and he switched to the sector by marketing it. Emphasizing that a new business door was opened for him in the sector he entered with these demands from his friends in this process, Alaboğa explained that they started selling weapons to the next market. Alaboğa, “, explains that after they suddenly caught a good market network, they started to want to produce the weapons they sold themselves in 2015 Why don't we produce ourselves in 2015? we said. We had friends with us, I made an instant decision with them and decided to open a factory starting this year, he said.

It started with 5 people, it currently has nearly 100 employees

Explaining that they have slowly started to grow after the arms factory they established, Alaboğa pointed out that they have now started to employ nearly 100 employees in the factory, which they started with 5 employees in the first stage, and said, “Hopefully, if possible, our goal in employment

for 2024 is to increase this number to 150 people. Our goal in 2025' is to exceed 200 people. Explaining that they started mass production with the latest system machines in the arms factory with a closed area of over 5 thousand square meters, Alaboğa stated that they started to produce smoothbore hunting rifles, which they call bullpups, with semi-automatic magazines, which are currently very popular in the USA, and said, "We have bullpup weapons, which we call bullpups, and they also have weapons with magazines and normal magazines. These are the products we sell most abroad. We also sell it with pumps, but our magazine products are more popular. We have an agreement with the USA regarding the weapons we produce. We sent 25 thousand units in the first year for 3 years, and this number increased to 35 thousand in the 2nd year. Currently, as of the end of this year, we have exceeded 50 thousand with new orders. But our goal for 2024 is to go much higher than these figures. Because, our R&D studies, new products and from now on, we will start making rifled pistols and long-range weapons. Thus, we will further increase our employment and at the same time increase our production capacity, he said.

Monthly production capacity is 5 thousand units

Explaining that the magazines of the magazine rifles they sent to the USA have the capacity to hold 3', 5', 10' and 20' cartridges and that they are preferred for shooting for pleasure rather than hunting, Alaboğa said, "They set targets for pleasure. They generally use these weapons for pleasure rather than hunting. It is also preferred because it resembles the AR-15 rifles, America's most popular weapon, he said.

Underlining that their monthly production capacity in the arms factory is 5 thousand units and that they have the capacity to easily increase this to 2 times, Alaboğa said, "We are in a position to easily increase our production to 10 thousand. Our machinery park is suitable for this. However, we limit this number for now in order to achieve this quality in all products, rather

than making better quality products every day, producing such a rush rifle in such a controlled manner, or producing many more. Right now, if you dismantle 10 of our rifles, distribute all their parts, and collect one rifle again, it will work. So all our products are standard, that's what matters. We're trying to catch this. In addition to quality, we are also assertive in price suitability. Our American partners are both satisfied with our quality and our pricing policy. Currently, I can say that there is no company that can sell it at our quality or at our prices. We have different plans for fair and R&D studies after 2024. Dubai, Istanbul, We would like to introduce our new grooved products, which we will start producing by attending fairs in Germany and the USA, at these fairs. We have a 10-year agreement with our American partners. We continue to send our newly released products to them. After the USA, we want to gradually enter the markets of European and Middle Eastern countries in the future. Our targets at the defense industry point are currently very close to receiving our facility security certificate. We will receive it in 1 month. After receiving this document, our company Tokarev and our brand will shine even brighter like the star of our country. Because you can now see Tokarev along with very famous brands at major arms fairs and arms markets in the USA. This makes us proud. Of course, having such a company from Turkey is a different joy for us than money. If we start rifled production and the defense industry in 2024, our future and our destination will be better. This job was very difficult when we started grooving with the Tokarev brand. But we want to start with this gun first. To achieve the harder thing. Currently, as Tokarev, we have an annual export of 7-8 million dollars. However, there are also products that we buy and sell from other companies. Together, we contribute to the country's economy of approximately 15 million dollars. However, our main goal is to increase Tokarev's annual export figures to 15-20 million dollars with new investments. This is one of our goals for 2024 and 2025. Our goal is to go to better places, hopefully slowly and surely. We want to increase our employment and be useful to our people, he said.

"We also benefit from industrial vocational high school students in Beyşehir"

Süleyman Alaboğa stated that they benefit from the industrial vocational high school students in Beyşehir in the sector, that they do internships in their factories and also employ them, and that we are always with our students studying at "Industrial vocational high school. Since they knew that there was vitality in this sector, more families began to prefer industrial vocational high schools to educate their children. This gradually offers us the opportunity to work with a higher quality and more professional team. Our quality is also increasing. However, we pay our employees not minimum wage, but wages that will make our people happy and achieve a higher level of welfare. This makes both us and our employees happy. The arms industry has grown a lot in Beyşehir. I do not think that there will be a problem of skilled workers in Beyşehir over time, he said.



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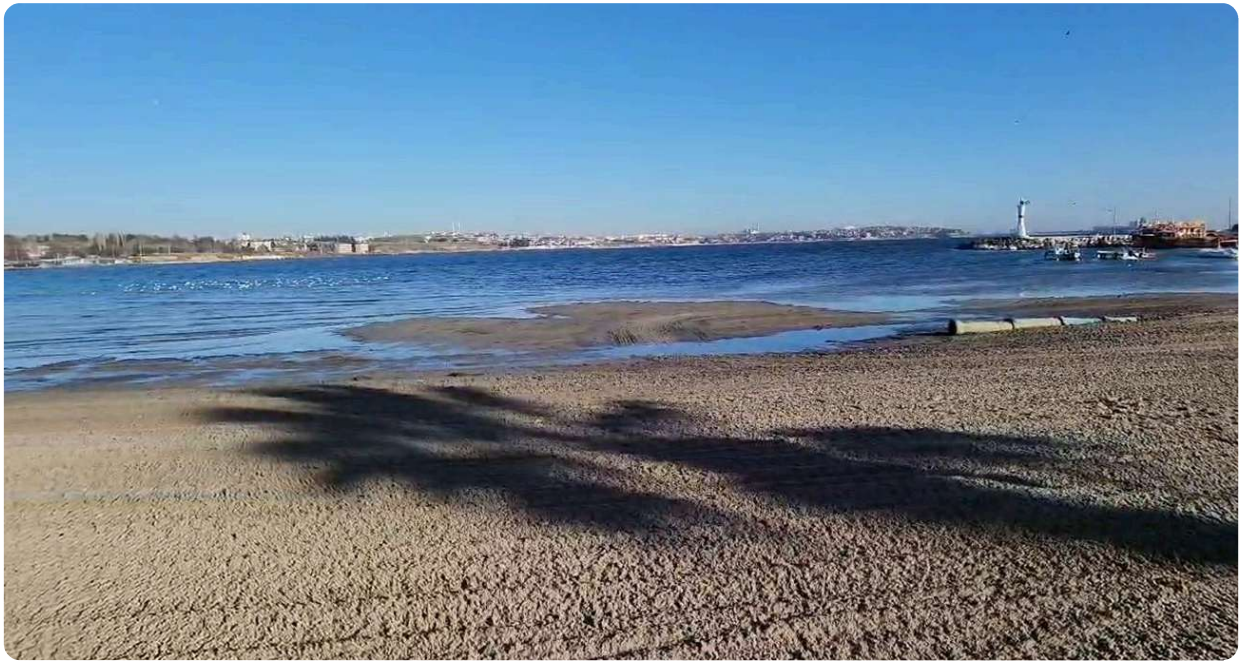
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