



## **thyssenkrupp Marine Systems hands over second frigate for Egyptian Navy**

- The Egyptian Navy accepted the MEKO® A-200 EN frigate at a ceremony in Bremerhaven.
- During the handover ceremony, the vessel was named “AL-QAHHAR”.
- It is the second in a series of four ships ordered by the Egyptian Navy.

On May 26<sup>th</sup>, thyssenkrupp Marine Systems handed over a frigate to the Navy of the Arab Republic of Egypt. It is the second in a series of four MEKO® A-200 EN frigates. The ceremony in Bremerhaven, which was attended by high-ranking Egyptian and German Navy officials, also included the naming of the vessel. The Commander in Chief of the Egyptian Navy, Vice Admiral Ashraf Ibrahim Atwa, named the ship “AL-QAHHAR”, meaning “The Irresistible Subduer”.

“This project is considered a role model for many countries in the field of joint military industrialization,” stated Vice Admiral Atwa. “Today, with the delivery of the ‘AL-QAHHAR’ frigate, our project has reached its midway.”

“With today’s handover ceremony, we add a further highlight to the excellent relationship between the Egyptian Navy and thyssenkrupp Marine Systems,” said Paul Glaser, CFO of thyssenkrupp Marine Systems. “The ongoing cooperation on naval surface vessels and submarines is one of the cornerstones of the long-term partnership between our two countries. The first-of-class ship ‘AL-AZIZ’ is already in service and has since proven its technical capabilities and reliability, and its sister ship ‘AL-QAHHAR’ will be just as successful.”

In its class, the MEKO® A-200 EN is one of the most powerful warships in service today. The next-generation vessels are more than 121 metres long, 16 metres wide and have a maximum speed of more than 29 knots. Featuring a stealthy design, the frigates are dedicated to taking on the role of the new central combat platform of the Egyptian Navy. Each ship will possess an extensive range of both defensive and offensive capabilities.

In total, the Arab Republic of Egypt ordered four structurally identical vessels, with the first three units being produced in Germany and the fourth vessel being built by Alexandria Shipyard in Egypt. The building contract was signed in September 2018. Construction work

on “AL-QAHHAR” started in December 2019, with keel laying in March 2020 and launching in August 2021. She will start the journey to her homeport in Alexandria in a few days. The next milestone in this project will be the handover of the third vessel of the series, “AL-QADEER”, later this year.

### **About thyssenkrupp Marine Systems**

thyssenkrupp Marine Systems is one of the world’s leading naval companies with almost 7,500 employees and is active as a systems supplier for submarines and naval surface vessels as well as for maritime electronics and security technologies. Around 3,100 people work at the Kiel site, making it the largest shipyard location in Germany. 185 years of history and the constant striving for improvement allow the company to set new standards time and time again. thyssenkrupp Marine Systems offers its customers worldwide tailored solutions to meet the highly complex challenges of a changing world. The driving forces behind this innovative energy are the company’s employees, who shape the future of thyssenkrupp Marine Systems with passion and commitment every day.

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