

Cost of missiles dwarfs cheap Russian drones

Incursions by cheap Russian drones over NATO territory – shot down by Dutch F-35 fighter jets in Poland using expensive AIM-9X missiles – show the bloc must learn from Ukraine’s drone combat experience

GERBERA MULTI-PURPOSE DRONE

Motor / wooden propeller

Polystyrene foam

Plywood

Cavity:
Up to 10kg of explosives

Developed by China’s *Skywalker Technology* according to Ukrainian intelligence

Cost per unit
\$10,000
approx

Navigation and control systems, batteries, 4G modem and SIM card

Polish and Lithuanian SIM cards found in drones in July, presaging operations over those countries

Speed: **185km/h**

Range: **600km**

Cost of Iranian-built *Shaheed* drone (export version) up to **\$80,000**

Designed to overwhelm air defences

Ukraine combats drones with machine guns, helicopters and interceptor drones

AIM-9X SIDEWINDER

Supersonic, heat-seeking, air-to-air missile

Contractor: **Raytheon**

