

## MEHMET ALTUN

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Strategic leader with over 25 years of experience in **Program Management, Business Development and Operations, Strategic Planning, and Concept Development** in the **Aerospace & Defense** industry.
- Proven track record of leading large-scale **government and commercial contracts** in **Performance-Based Logistics (PBL)** environments.
- Expertise in **sustainment planning, MRO&U operations, cybersecurity, and software integration**.
- Adept at transforming operational frameworks, managing high-stakes contracts, and ensuring seamless execution of global defense programs.

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### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

#### HAVELSAN INC.

##### Director, National Combat Aircraft (MMU) Program

📅 02/2020 – 03/2025 | Ankara, Turkey

- Spearheaded HAVELSAN's contributions to Turkey's **TF-X (MMU) Program**, ensuring seamless **integration of air system and propulsion system capabilities**.
- Established **sustainment and training infrastructure** for MMU while leading platform **cybersecurity architecture development**.
- Directed the development and integration of **mission-critical software and sustainment information systems**.
- Led multi-disciplinary teams stationed at **TUSAS facilities**, ensuring optimal **coordination with stakeholders**.
- Developed a **flexible, adaptive organizational structure** to align HAVELSAN's capabilities with the MMU program's evolving needs.

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#### F-35 JOINT STRIKE FIGHTER PROGRAM OFFICE (JSFPO)

📅 02/2017 – 08/2019 | Arlington, VA, USA

##### Director, Program Management & Business Operations

##### Acting Director, Hybrid Product Support Integrator (HPSI) Transformation

- Managed a **130-person team** of government and industry professionals, ensuring the **execution of sustainment contracts which valued 6.5 Billion USD** for the **F-35 Lightning II program**.
- Provided strategic oversight for **HPSI transformation**, leading cultural and operational shifts across the **F-35 Logistics & Sustainment** community.
- Directed financial planning, **contract execution, quality assurance and continuous improvement initiatives**.
- Led **enterprise relationship management**, ensuring **effective SLA performance monitoring** across **1,200+ Product Support Providers (PSP)**.
- Developed long-term sustainment strategies to support **F-35 fleet expansion beyond 1,100 aircraft by 2023**.
- Managed **cost reduction initiatives**, driving affordability and risk mitigation within sustainment frameworks.

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#### TURKISH AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS

📅 08/2013 – 01/2017 | Ankara, Turkey

##### Director, Turkish Air Force (TurAF) F-35 Program

- Led **F-35 program**, aligning **strategic, operational, and sustainment objectives** for Turkey's acquisition.
  - Directed **multi-stakeholder coordination**, managing **150+ personnel** across **19 specialized working groups**.
  - Oversaw **logistics system integration, PBL metric development, and sustainment planning**.
  - Managed **airworthiness certification, risk management, and national weapons integration**.
  - Ensured **training, base readiness, and interoperability compliance** for **TurAF's F-35 fleet**.
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## F-35 JOINT STRIKE FIGHTER PROGRAM OFFICE (JSFPO)

📅 08/2010 – 08/2013 | Arlington, VA, USA

### Lead, International Industrial Capability Planning & Execution

- Led **Depot Activation Planning** and coordinated **partner nation sustainment strategies**.
- Conducted **best-value assessments** that designated **Turkey & Australia as Regional Engine Depot Centers**.
- Ensured **alignment of partner nation sustainment requirements** with **F-35 Autonomic Logistics Global Sustainment (ALGS)** concepts.
- Led **cost-benefit analyses and stakeholder engagement** for **multi-national sustainment operations**.

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## F-35 JOINT STRIKE FIGHTER PROGRAM OFFICE (JSFPO)

📅 08/2008 – 08/2010 | Arlington, VA, USA

### Assistant National Deputy, Joint Strike Fighter Program Office

- Served as **Turkish government liaison** to the **US Department of Defense** for the **F-35 program**.
- Managed **cross-government collaboration, stakeholder engagement, and program execution**.
- Provided **strategic oversight of financial management, security policies, and national integration efforts**.

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## TURKISH AIR FORCE

📅 10/1995 – 08/2008 | Turkey

Various leadership roles, including:

- **Flightline Maintenance Officer** (Managed transition from **F-5 to F-16 fleet**)
- **Aeronautical Engineering Instructor** (Established **Ankara Wind Tunnel and test rig**)
- **PBL Implementation Lead for F-35 Program**

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## EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- **MSc, Aeronautical Engineering**, Middle East Technical University, Turkey (2001)  
*Thesis: Measurement of Dynamic Stability Derivatives of Generic Fighter Aircraft in Wind Tunnel*
- **MSc, National & International Security**, Air Command & Staff College (2007)
- **MSc, Joint Command & Staff College**, Turkey (2015)  
*Thesis: Effect of Performance-Based Logistics on International Relations & Military Structures*

### Certifications & Training

- **Enterprise Leadership COHORT Program (ELCP)**, Defense Acquisition University (DAU), USA
- **Level III Life Cycle Logistics Certification (DAU, USA)**
- **Level II Program Management Certification (DAU, USA)**
- **Defense Resource Management Course**, Naval Postgraduate School, USA
- **Strategic Management & Planning**, Strategic Management Institute, Turkey

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## TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Program & Project Management
- Contract & Financial Oversight
- Cybersecurity & Risk Management
- Logistics & Sustainment Planning
- Business Development/Operations
- Aerospace Software Development & Integration
- Advanced Analytics & Data-Driven Decision Making
- Microsoft Office Suite | MATLAB | LabVIEW | NASTRAN

## AWARDS & RECOGNITION

- **Meritorious Service Medal**, U.S. Secretary of the Navy (2x)
- **Turkish Air Force Academy Graduation Ribbon**
- **Commanding Success Ribbon**
- **Superior Service Award**
- **ACSC & JCSC Graduation Ribbons**

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## LANGUAGES

- English: Fluent
- Turkish: Native

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References available upon request.