



China Unveils its First Indigenous High-Precision Sniper Rifle

OE Watch Commentary: China recently unveiled some of the details about its first indigenous high-precision sniper rifle. According to the following article from *Global Times*, it will replace the outdated QBU-88, which has been in use by the People’s Liberation Army for over 20 years but no longer meets the requirements of modern warfare. The new high-precision sniper rifle, which was not given a designation, fires 7.63-millimeter rifle rounds and has a range of 800 meters (half a mile). The technology of the rifle is such that it can be operated at night.



Rifle Type 88.

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The article also mentions another fairly new type of advanced sniper rifle, the high-caliber QBU-10, which, according to other sources, has been adopted by Chinese army and navy special forces. According to the article, both of these sniper rifles

“can complete different missions and form an all-round combination.” It is not clear what the precise mission of the newly unveiled high-precision sniper rifle is, but the QBU-10 is capable of destroying armored targets 1,500 meters away (approximately a mile). **End OE Watch Commentary (Hurst)**

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Source: Liu Xuanzun, PLA Gets New Lethal High-Precision Sniper Rifle: Report,” *Global Times*, 19 May 2019. <http://www.globaltimes.cn/content/1150580.shtml>

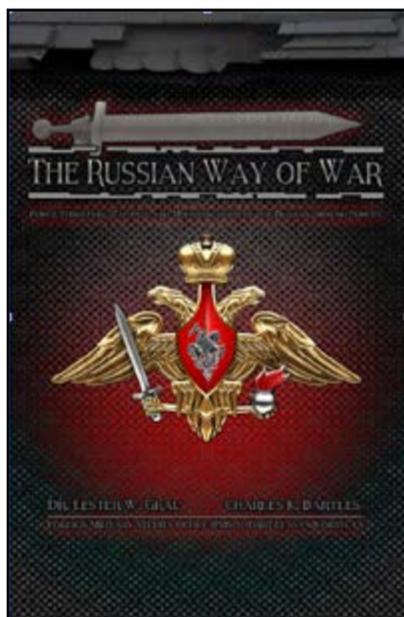
China unveiled on Sunday details of its first homemade high-precision sniper rifle, a weapon that could replace the old rifle that has served the People’s Liberation Army (PLA) for more than 20 years.

Capable of firing 7.62 millimeter rifle rounds with an effective range of 800 meters, the weapon has a full length of 1,150 millimeters and weighs 6.5 kilograms, state broadcaster China Central Television (CCTV) reported on Sunday, without announcing the gun’s designation.

The gun is China’s first ever high-precision sniper rifle, marking a significant breakthrough in the country’s sniper development, the report said, noting that the term “high-precision” refers to the rifle’s ability to accurately hit a target as small as a coin from a hundred meters.

A low light level image intensifier can be added to the sniper’s scope so it can be operated at night.

The two types of sniper rifles can complete different missions and form an all-round combination, the expert said, noting that the high-precision rifle can make lethal attacks on infantry targets, while the high-caliber rifle can blow up light armored vehicles or enemies behind cover.



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