

India

With business going well, Alliance Air intends to add eight ATR-72s early next year. To be continued...

Japan

Japan Airlines has ordered four B787-8s for domestic operations.

Malaysia

Malaysia Airlines has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Boeing for eight B737 MAX8s and eight B787-9s. As Malaysian Airlines is a regular in this section, we will probably see them back again soon, whether or not this purchase will go through or not.

Latin America**Brazil**

Azul Airlines will lease five A330neos from Avalon. Deliveries will commence from 2018Q4.

Chile

LATAM Airlines will end its B777F operations before the end of this year.

Middle East**Iran**

The owner of Naft Airlines, the Iranian Ministry of Petroleum, has decided to sell of its airline. To increase potential interest the company has been rebranded into Karun Airlines.

Qatar

Qatar Airways has taken delivery of its first B747-8F. During the ceremony its CEO, as usual, also announced some news items. The airline has ordered two additional B747-8Fs and four B777-300ERs. All six planes were previously booked as an undisclosed order. Qatar Airways has also reached an agreement with Airbus about re-ordering the four A350-900s that it cancelled earlier in July and that a deal about delivery of the four planes is almost done.

United Arab Emirates

Despite statements earlier this year, Emirates has now publicly said that it has postponed their plans to place a significant order for either the Airbus A350 or Boeing 787.

North America**United States of America**

Skywest Airlines has ordered 25 Embraer 175s to be operated as feeder aircraft for Delta Air Lines (fifteen) and Alaska Airlines (ten). Deliveries will run from March until year-end of 2018.

United Airlines is again adjusting its outstanding orders. This time the A350 order is being adjusted. Besides converting 35 A350-1000s into smaller A350-900s and delaying the first delivery to 2022, the airline still pleased Airbus by adding ten more A350-900s to the order. United intends to use the A350 to replace its fleet of B777-200s.

Oceania**Samoa**

Samoa Airways has taken delivery of its first aircraft, a wet-leased B737-800 from Neos. During the announcement the CEO of the airline has said that the company is planning to a B737MAX by 2019.

Aircraft orders

Underlining means an update compared to last month. We only report orders as published by the aircraft manufacturers.

Airbus 2017 firm orders

AerCap	1 A320neo
AirAsia	3 A320
Air France	3 A350-900
Air Lease Corporation	12 A321neo
BOC Aviation	2 A320
CALC	9 A320
	2 A320neo
Cebu Air	7 A321
China Southern Airlines	20 A350-900
Delta Air Lines	40 A321
Frontier Airlines	1 A320neo
GECAS	100 A320neo
Hi Fly	2 A330-200
IAG	3 A330-200
Iberia	1 A330-200
K-Air Airlines	8 A320



A picture of a Boeing 727 in the news section is something which seldom occurs. We received this picture from Raymond van Dijkhuizen who saw the above Boeing 727 freighter during his trip to Colombia. It is a recent addition to Aerosucre Colombia as it was delivered to the airline as HK-5216 earlier this year, which makes it qualified for the news section. The 37-year old aircraft was originally delivered to Branniff Airways in 1980. In 1983 it moved to USAir, where it flew until 1993, when the aircraft was taken up by ATA - American Transair. ATA withdrew the aircraft from its fleet in October 2001 and after a few months of storage the Boeing was picked up by DHL Airways, who converted the 727 to a freighter. It flew in DHL colours (operated by Astar Air Cargo) from 2003 until late 2009, when the aircraft moved to Vensecar Internacional in Venezuela. The aircraft was registered in Venezuela, but still flew for DHL in DHL colours. Early 2015 Vensecar withdrew the Boeing from use and after a short period of storage, the aircraft was picked up by Uruguayan airline Air Class Líneas Aéreas, and even got a CX-registration. However its period in Uruguay was very short and the aircraft was already offered for sale by the airline late 2015. Probably Aerosucre Colombia saw an opportunity for a good deal to replace their 727 which crashed in December 2016. It was purchased by them in February 2017 and entered service for the airline on 27 April. (Rionergo-José María Córdova, 15 July 2017)



Wrecks & Relics

Or you can do your utmost to get the colours and markings of your aircraft correct to every detail, or you just paint it in the colours you like personally, as they have done at Ostrava with MiG-21U-600 0816. (17 September 2017, Arnold ten Pas)

The Netherlands

Bentveld

ZE396 BAe125 CC3 stored **257211** sep17

The aircraft is at the Groot Bentveld estate (N52.36152, E4.56996) and will be used for an art object.

Teuge

B-78 Bo105CB4 restoration **S.278** aug17

The aircraft arrived on 23 August at AMN (Aircraft Maintenance Netherlands) for restoration. It will not be made airworthy, but will be used for events and fairs. It was last noted at Neuhausen ob Eck.

Austria

Algen im Ennstal

3E-KG Alouette 3 stored **1461** sep17

3E-KJ Alouette 3 stored **1564** sep17

These are the first two Alouettes which are taken out of service due to budget cuts. Also still here for spare parts are Swiss Alouette 3s V-265, V-266 and V-278.

Belgium

Zomergem

(TJX-BR) SA342L stored, ex Cameroun **1873** sep17

(TJX-BG) SA342L stored, ex Cameroun **1897** sep17

(3X-GVD) SA342L stored, ex Guinea **1441** sep17

All three Gazelles are stripped and unmarked at the local heliport. Note that this is a private heliport, with prior permission visits only.

Bulgaria

Ribaritsa

29 MiG-21UM preserved **516999377** aug17

The MiG-21 has joined L-29 55 at the military hotel.

Czech Republic

Libořez

9804 MiG-21MF preserved **969804** aug17

The former Přelouč MiG arrived in August for outside display at this small village (N49.02598, E14.93346).

Milovice

8750 Mi-2 preserved, ex Písek **aug17**

01027 Mi-24 preserved **aug17**

9333 MiG-21UM preserved, ex Přelouč **aug17**

All three are with the tankodrom (www.tankodrommilovice.cz, N50.24894, E14.84910). The identity of the Mi-24 needs confirmation.

Denmark

Karup

166407/407 MH-60R instructional **70-2720** sep17

With the delivery of their own MH-60Rs the Danish also got one from the US Navy as instructional airframe.

Kegnæs

R5216 Tigermoth D-EKIF, ex Nordhorn **83091** aug17

(25014) Sk25 OY-ALG, wreck **25014** aug17

There is a small private airfield at the island of Kegnæs. Of the Swedish Bu181 only the wrecked remains are here.

Padborg

(90+08) FWP149D OY-POT **016** sep17

The Piaggio is the only interesting aircraft left here. Chipmunks P-121/OY-ALZ and P-146/OY-ATL have both gone. One have may gone to the Netherlands.

Finland

Kauhava

SZ-25 Fw44J preserved, ex Vantaa **2928** jun17

PY-1 Pyry I preserved, ex Tikkakoski **1** jun17

VI-6 Viima II (OH-VID), preser, ex Räyskälä **jun17**

The three aircraft have joined SAAB 91D SF-7 in a new glass building in Kauhava town. Hawk HW-303 is still mounted outside on a pole.

France

Angers Marcé (49)

18/CA Cap232 preserved **18** aug17

The Cap232 was last seen in storage at Salon de Provence and arrived at the Espace Air Passion on 8 August 2017.

Châteaudun (28)

The French have sold a large number of Mirage F1s from here. To a civilian company in South Africa went Mirage F1Bs 504, 509, 511 and 516. Mirage F1B 514 was noted as Mirage F1BD 207 for a yet unconfirmed African country (not yet delivered). Sixty three Mirage F1s have been sold to ATAC in the USA. They will be shipped via Charleroi in Belgium. One of the ATAC aircraft will be Mirage F1B 507.

Haguenau (67)

(MM53802) T-6H-4M F-AZCM, ex Besançon **aug17**

93432 T-6G F-AZGS, ex Lunéville **168-556** aug17

The owner of T-28 F-AZKG has sold its aircraft to the Bordeaux area and has replaced it with two Harvards. Both are in the Strasbourg Aviation hangar and the F-AZCM is painted as a Curtiss H75 as 12 white.

of the plane or the pilot and the effort was eventually called off. However, work began anew in 1977 when the museum teamed up with the Dumfries Sub-Aqua Club. After 'countless hours of diving' the initiative paid off and the Spitfire was finally salvaged in 1982. It is now proudly on static display at the DGAM.

For many years, Sea Fury FB11 G-BUCM, has (almost invisibly) been under restoration at Duxford's The Fighter Collection. They have now decided to go for an alternative, and bought another FB11 (ES.3617) which was registered as G-SEAF on 7 September. This is the former VH-SFY, which before that was a Duxford resident as G-BWOL and D-CACY.

Naval Aviation Ltd. owned Hawker Sea Fury T20 G-RNHF, VX281 (ES.3615) made its first flight on 1 September after restoration by Weald Aviation. It was repaired following its engine failure and forced landing at Culdrose in 2014. The Sea Fury left North Weald for The Royal Navy Historic Flight's base at Culdrose on 15 September.

Recently another pair of Buchons out of the famous Connie Edwards collection has been cancelled from the US register. The aircraft concerned are HA-1112 MIL N6036 (145) and N4109G (220). They follow Buchons N90604 and N1109G that were acquired by Air Leasing Ltd. of Sywell in the spring of 2016. Both newcomers will also be registered under their previous British registration, G-AWHH for N6036 and G-AWHR for N4109G. All of these former Spanish Air Force machines were used in the filming of 'The Battle of Britain' movie from May 1968 to February 1969.

United States

For more than fifteen years Boeing B-17G 44-83785 (N207EV) was on static display at the Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum in McMinnville (OR) The bomber, painted in USAAF colours and named 'Shady Lady', was acquired by the Collings Foundation of Stow (MA) in 2015. In the past two years 'Shady Lady' was returned to airworthy condition and flew to its new home on 15 August. Upon its arrival, the bomber will reportedly receive a detailed inspection and restoration before joining the Foundation's popular 'Wings of Freedom' tour. The tour's current B-17, 'Nine-O-Nine', will undergo a major inspection at this point, likely receiving a new livery in the process. 'Shady Lady' has an interesting history. It was delivered to the USAAF toward the end of WW2 and was used to transport cargo and passengers before entering civilian service. Between 1954 and 1959 it was used by the CIA to perform secret and highly dangerous missions over the

Chinese mainland along with four other B-17s. After returning to the US, the machine was fitted with a Fulton Skyhook and demonstrated its capabilities by rescuing James Bond in the 1965 film *Thunderball*. In later years, it was converted to an air tanker and served as a firefighter until ultimately being restored to military configuration and displayed at Evergreen.

Thanks to the Collings Foundation there is an F-4D Phantom II flying again in the USA, since 8 August. It was the fighter's first flight since 16 November 2011. The aircraft is 1965 built McDonnell Douglas F-4D Phantom II 65-0749. Conveniently registered as N749CF, it is painted as Col. Robin Olds' Operation Bolo MiG killer 66-7680, and will be flown in the Collings Foundation's Vietnam Memorial Flight at Ellington Field (TX)

The Dixie Wing of the Commemorative Air Force announced that their Goodyear built FG-1D Corsair BuNo92468 (3729) has taken to the skies again on 15 August, after many months spent in the hangar. During this operation the forward firewall was restored and a full engine change was completed. Pilot Thom Richard took off from Kissimmee airport and successfully flew the naval fighter for about 25 minutes. The CAF's FG-1D N9964Z, flying as USMC VMF 312 '530' is one of the original airframes that launched the Confederate Air Force (now Commemorative Air Force) and has been part of the inventory since 1975. This airplane is not only historically significant, but it is thoroughly engrained in the CAF's heritage and has been one of the busiest aircraft in the history of the CAF's stable.

One year after Boeing Superfortress 'Doc' returned to the air, the organisation 'Doc's Friends' has announced plans for the future home of its B-29. The aircraft recently began a touring schedule after undergoing nearly two decades of restoration. The proposed \$6.5 million B-29 Doc Hangar and Education Center will be based on the grounds of the Eisenhower National Airport in Wichita (KA) There, the new facility will not only serve as Doc's permanent home, but also as a working maintenance facility where the public can come and watch crews maintain Doc. Currently, Doc's Friends board members, aviation enthusiasts, community philanthropists and industry partners have raised more than \$4.5 million for the project. To acquire the remaining funds, the organization has launched a brick memorial paver program and a Kickstarter campaign.

Credits: Aerodynamic media, Flypast Forum, Meier, Warbirdnews, WIX,



On 15 June, this newly restored Ilyushin Il-2 Sturmovik, RA-2703G, took to the skies for the first time since 1943. The fighter was restored in Novosibirsk, Russia, as the second example of its breed now flying. It is owned by the largest warbird collector in Russia, Vadim Zadorozhny. RA-2703G (c/n 1872452) is painted in its original markings '19 red', as it was when it was shot down while being flown by pilot Valentin Skopintsev and gunner Vladimir Gumyonny with the 46thShAP Shturmovik Assault Regiment. (Zhukovsky, 20 July 2017, Wim Sonneveld)

ceremony, Br1150 Atlantic MM40118/41-03 was unveiled in a special livery and the new ATR (Leonardo) P-72A replacement aircraft was officially introduced. The Aeronautica Militare operated eighteen aircraft, the first of which was delivered in 1972.

F-35A
MM7358/32-08 13° Gruppo ex FACO Cameri **5109/AL-8** aug17

MQ-1C Predator
AV-SA-0002/32-31 61° Gruppo new jul17
AV-SA-0006/32-33 61° Gruppo new jul17

Tornado ECR MLU RET8
MM7020/6-77 155° Gruppo ex -/155° Gruppo **225** jul17
CSX7053/- Leonardo ex 50-07/155° Gruppo **430** aug17
MM7052/6-64 155° Gruppo ex 50-02/155° Gruppo **424** mar17
MM7054/6-100 155° Gruppo ex -/Leonardo **436** sep17
MM7066/- Leonardo ex 50-03/155° Gruppo **520** aug17

Norway

Norske Luftforsvaret (AF)

As of 1 September 2017, the civilian company CHC Helikopter Service has taken over the rescue service at Florø until then run by Sea King Mk43B helicopters from 330 skv. This unit has its main operating base at Rygge and the Sea King helicopters are stationed at five satellite airfields. CHC Helikopter Service will run the Florø service with two AS332L1 Super Puma helicopters until 2020, when the new AW101 Mk612 helicopter will enter service. Maybe more Sea King detachments will be temporarily replaced with civil helicopters.

F-35A-3I
5146 62nd FS ex Lockheed-Martin **AM-06** aug17
5147 62nd FS ex Lockheed-Martin **AM-07** aug17

Spain

Ejército del Aire (AF)

LEAB = Albacete

Breaking news is the recent sale of twenty Mirage F1Ms from Albacete to the private American company Draken International who reportedly will use them at Nellis AFB (NV) in support of the Air Warfare Center. After unsuccessful negotiations with Argentina some years ago and later indications that the US Navy was interested, the aircraft have now finally been sold. During their period of active storage at Albacete (some already since 2010) the machines involved underwent regular engine tests and occasional test flights.

A400M
TK.23-02/31-22 Airbus Military #10075, f/n **070** sep17
(TK.23-03) Airbus Military #10076, f/n **076** sep17

Both were noted with Airbus Military at Sevilla/San Pablo. Contrary to earlier expectation, the code of TK.23-02 is 31-22 (not 31-61). The other machine was still in primer c/s and identified by the Spanish flag and the usual large c/n sticker.

EF2000
C.16-52/11-22 Ala 11 ex 11-18 **SS033** sep17
C.16-71 Ala 14 #10146, f/n **SS052** sep17

Ala 11 seems to be in the process of recoding their Eurofighter fleet. We don't have the full picture yet, but further details will undoubtedly emerge soon.

Mirage F1M
C.14-16/14-10 Léon ex std LEAB jun17
Yet another Mirage from the storage at Albacete found a new home. The abovementioned machine was noted preserved in the town of Léon during the local air show here in June. Whether or not it joined the other Mirages at the technical school here afterwards remains to be seen.

Fuerzas Aeromóviles del Ejército de Tierra (AR)

With the ongoing deliveries of the Tiger to BHELA I (Almagro), the unit's last Bo105ATHs are scheduled to be withdrawn from use by the end of 2017.

AS332B1
HU.21-04/ET-506 BHELMA VI ex BHELMA IV **2208** may17

AS532UL
HT.27-19/ET-602 BHELMA II ex BHELMA III **2737** may17

Both helicopters above were noted undergoing maintenance at Colmenar Viejo wearing badges of the indicated units.

NH90-TTH
HT.29-07/ET-807 BHELMA III #10087, new **1284** sep17

During the festivities on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the Spanish Navy, the presence of this NH90 at Rota provided the opportunity to check its construction number revealing a correction to our dbase (not 1285!)

Armada (NY)

SH-60F
HT.23-13/01-1014 Esila 10 #10013, d/d 10aug1770-1688 aug17

Sweden

Försvarsmaktens Helikopterflottillj (JF)

Hkp14B
142045/45 1.Hkpskv ex 2.Hkpskv **1048/BSWA05** aug17

Hkp14D
144048/48 1.Hkpskv ex 3.Hkpskv **1071/BSWA08** aug17
144051/51 1.Hkpskv ex 3.Hkpskv **1096/BSWA11** aug17
144052/52 1.Hkpskv ex 3.Hkpskv **1080/BSWA12** aug17



The Guardia Civil showcased its recently acquired Dauphin HU.30-01/09-401 at the Naval aviation anniversary. (Rota, 15 September 2017, Ian French)

XX233	08aug17	w/o 23mar10, std EGXP	312069
XX290	07aug17	std EGOS	312115
XX292	10jul17	Everett Aero since 11jul17	312117

Hawk XX165 reportedly is in use for instruction purposes by 71(R)sq at RAF Wittering, it was however last noted stored at QinetiQ Boscombe Down in June 2017.

Hawk T1A

XX205/CU	100sq	ex 736NAS/CU-846	312052	aug17
XX303	100sq	ex std EGOS	312128	aug17
XX316/CU-849	100sq	ex 736NAS/CU-849	312141	aug17
XX319	Red Arrows	ex o/h EGXE	312144	aug17
XX321	HSF	ex std EGOS	312146	jul17

Hawk T1W

XX292	Everett Aero	ex std EGOS	312117	jul17
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Abovementioned former Red Arrows Hawk XX292 was transported by road from RAF Shawbury to the Everett Aero location at Bentwaters on 11 July 2017.

Jupiter HT1

ZM500/00	DHFS	ex Airbus Hel.	20111	jul17
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Juno HT1

ZM510/10	Airbus Hel.	as G-CJUA	2009	sep17
ZM512/12	DHFS	ex Airbus Hel.	2011	jul17
ZM516/16	DHFS	ex Airbus Hel.	2016	aug17
ZM517/17	DHFS	ex Airbus Hel.	2018	aug17
(ZM518)	Airbus Hel as	G-CKEO	2021	aug17

Phenom 100

(ZM333)	to G-MEPT	ex PR-PHK	50000375
(ZM334)	del 15aug17	ex PR-ING	50000377

Both PR-LTF (**50000384**) and PR-LTJ (**50000386**) were reported with the manufacturer in RAF colours. Most likely they will become ZM335 and ZM336 respectively.

Prefect T1

On 20 July 2017, six G-registrations for Prefect T1 aircraft were cancelled in the British Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) register. The G-registrations in question are: G-MFTS (ZM300), G-MEFT (ZM301), G-CJZF (ZM308?), G-CJZI (ZM307?), G-CJZJ (ZM306) and G-CJZR (ZM305). On 4 August 2017, also G-CKCS (ZM310?) was cancelled from the CAA register.

Throughout July and August several Prefects were seen active with their military registrations. Most reports came from RAF Barkston Heath, but a few were also seen at RAF Cranwell. It is noteworthy that both G-CJYG and G-CJYH were reported as well. Both had returned to Grob at Mindelheim

(Germany) for modifications on 17 May 2017. Apparently, both have been returned to Great Britain by July 2017.

Puma HC2

XW209	P2MF	ex Benson Pool	1096	aug17
XW212	Benson Pool	ex P2MF	1111	jul17
XW216	Benson Pool	ex P2MF	1129	jul17
XW235	Benson Pool	ex P2MF	1212	jul17
XW237	P2MF	ex Benson Pool	1218	aug17
ZA935	P2MF	ex Benson Pool	1633	jul17
ZJ954	P2MF	ex Benson Pool	1310	jul17

Tornado GR4

ZA556/047	12(B)sq	ex CMU	075	jul17
ZA559	std EGXE	ex 41(TES)sq/049	081	aug17
ZA601/066	9(B)sq	ex CMU	124	sep17
ZD739	std EGXE	ex 31sq/087	358	jul17
ZD741/089	9(B)sq	ex CMU	361	jul17
ZD792/100	31sq	ex 9(B)sq/100	402	jul17
ZD848	CMU	ex 12(B)sq/109	441	jul17
ZG750	std EGXE	ex 9(B)sq/128	862	jul17
ZG771/(133)	9(B)sq	ex TASF(S)	893	jul17
ZG773	std EGXE	see note	902	sep17

After being placed on temporary display with ExCeL in London, ZG773 was transported by road to RAF Leeming where it will be inducted into the Return To Parts (RTP) programme on 3 September 2017. The famous retro-desert pink jet (ZG750) was amongst the other Tornado jets which were retired and flown to RAF Leeming for storage.

Tornado GR4A

ZA369	std EGXE	ex 9(B)sq/003	166	aug17
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Tutor T1

The G-registrations of the five Tutor aircraft which were delivered to Finland in May 2017 were cancelled from the UK CAA register on 5 July 2017. The aircraft involved are G-BYUG, G-BYUP, G-BYVS, G-BYWJ and G-BYXN. This confirms that G-BYUP indeed was delivered as well.

Typhoon T3

ZJ803/803	6sq	ex std EGQS	B7004	jul17
ZJ806	std EGXC	ex 29(R)sq/BE	B7007	jul17
ZJ807/807	29(R)sq	ex 29(R)sq/BF	B7008	aug17
ZJ808	std EGXC	ex 29(R)sq/BP	B7009	jul17
ZJ809/809	1(F)sq	ex std EGQS	B7010	jul17
ZJ814	std EGXC	ex 29(R)sq/814	B7015	jul17
ZK381	TMU	ex 29(R)sq/381	B7026	jul17

Dual-Typhoon ZJ808 had the sad honour of being the second



Only a few weeks after delivery to Prerov airbase, two Slovak Air Force UH-60M were present at the NATO Days in Ostrava (Czechia) on 16 and 17 September 2017. Being "Special Partner Nation" of the show, Slovakia showed a wide variety of equipment, including the two new UH-60M. The helicopters were delivered to Slovakia on 6 July 2017 after arriving by sea from the USA in Bremerhafen (Germany) a few days before. Dating back from an order in 2015, the Slovak Air Force will receive 9 UH-60M over the coming years. The 261 million USD deal, under the FMS programme, includes training and spare parts for the coming 2 years. Currently 4 aircrews are current on the type and additional crews are being trained in the USA. The Slovak Air Force expects to have 6 aircrews operational by the end of 2017. (Arnold ten Pas)

squadron was part of the 3FTS at RAF Cranwell, where it used Tutor T1 aircraft for pilot training purposes.

Apache AH1

ZJ182	3/4Regt	ex ADSU	WAH17	aug17
ZJ186	ADSU	ex 663sq	WAH21	jul17
ZJ197	3/4Regt	ex 653sq	WAH32	jul17
ZJ199	663sq	ex ADSU	WAH34	jul17
ZJ200	3/4Regt	ex 656sq	WAH35	jul17
ZJ213	673(AHTU)sq	ex ADSU	WAH47	aug17
ZJ226	656sq	ex 3/4Regt	WAH60	jul17

Gazelle AH1

XW865	MPSU	ex 29Flt/BATUS	1119	aug17
ZB691	7Regt Conversion Flt	ex MPSU	2006	jul17
ZB693	665sq	ex MPSU	2009	sep17

Islander CC2A

ZF573	to G-BJOH	ex 655sq	2034	jul17
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Wildcat AH1

ZZ391	WST	ex 1Regt	489	jul17
ZZ407	Leonardo	ex 1Regt	477	jul17

Fleet Air Arm (NY)

HeliOperations UK has been contracted by the German Navy to provide Search and Rescue training to Sea King aircrew. For this purpose two former 771NAS Sea King HU5 helicopters have been pulled out of storage and are being prepared for delivery by Merlin Depth Maintenance Facility (MDMF) at RNAS Culdrose. Once maintenance has been completed the helicopters will be delivered to Portland where the training activities will take place. They will remain military registered, but they will receive a new coat of paint. According to a press release, the contract will run until September 2018.

Two Merlin HM2 helicopters assigned to 820NAS were deployed to RAF Lossiemouth for the first sailing of *HMS Queen Elizabeth*. The helicopters in question were ZH827 and ZH846, of which the first one was the first aircraft/helicopter to perform a deck landing on board the new carrier. This took place on 3 July 2017. For the record, the *Queen Elizabeth* set sail from Rosyth for the first time on 26 June 2017. The ship will conduct sea trials for the next few months, after which it will return to Rosyth for modifications/adjustments based on the findings during the sea trials.

Two Lynx HAS3 helicopters were kept in storage at RNAS Culdrose for the Royal Navy Historic Flight (RNHF) since March 2014. It has now been decided that the RNHF will not take charge of them and both XZ228 (HAS3SGM) and XZ233 (HAS3S) were transported to Middle Wallop in August 2017. They are now handed over to the MPSU and will probably be stripped for spares.

Hawk T1A

XX189/CR	736NAS	ex HSF	312036	aug17
XX281	736NAS	ex o/h QinetiQ	312106	jul17
XX285/CK	736NAS	ex 100sq/CK	312110	aug17
XX301	std EGOS	ex 736NAS	312126	jul17

Merlin HM2

ZH826	820NAS	ex 814NAS	50029	aug17
ZH845	MDMF	ex 814NAS	50105	jul17

Merlin HC4

ZJ120/D	QinetiQ	ex Leonardo (HC3i)	50083	aug17
ZJ127	846NAS	ex Leonardo (HC3)	50149	aug17

Sea King HU5

XV666	o/h EGDR	ex std EGDX	WA654	jul17
ZA166	o/h EGDR	ex std Gosport	WA899	aug17

Sea King ASaC7

XV664	std EGDR	ex 849NAS/(1)90	WA652	sep17
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End-August 2017, XV664 arrived at Birkenhead Docks on board RFA Fort Victoria. It was deployed for Operation Kipion (UK maritime operations in the Persian Gulf and Indian Ocean), and transported by road to RNAS Culdrose early September 2017. Upon arrival at RNAS Culdrose it was withdrawn from use.

Africa

Algeria

Al-Quwwat Al-Jawwiya Al Djazairiya (AF)

DAUB = Biskra
UIIR = Irkutsk, Russian Federation

Firmas 142

7T-VFE	to civil (std)	Constantine Aeroc.	0475/004	aug17
7T-VFJ	to civil (std)	Constantine Aeroc.	0480/009	aug17

Constantine Aeroc. stands for Constantine Aeroclub and is located at 36°17'13.20"N, 6°37'02.50"E.

Mi-24V

... pres. DAUB as DA-50, o/s jun17
The Mi-24 is preserved at 34°48'32.52"N, 5°43'58.87"E and has an eagle painted all over its fuselage.

Mi-26T-2

...	as 06817	f/n DB	sep17
...	as 06818	f/n DB	sep17

Both helicopters were first noted at Kefalonia, Greece, and later Valetta, Malta, on their delivery flight to Algeria.

Mi-28NE

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Mi-171Sh

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Usually, many aircraft can be found at Minsk-Mazowiecki to perform in the fly by at Radom airshow. These two Su-22 are freshly painted in the now standard grey colour scheme. (25 August 2017, Jan Gerrits)



Another page because of festive reasons, as the Spanish Navy celebrated 100 year of Naval Air Service at Rota. Noted on the static show while basking in sunshine was AB212 HA.18-3. (15 September 2017, Ian French)



Of course the show was attended by other branches of the Spanish military. This CN235M VIGMA is one of two examples operated by the Guardia Civil for maritime patrol duties. (15 September 2017, Ian French)



Looking immaculate is SH-60F HT.23-13. Note that it carries code 01-1014 as 01-1013 was skipped. It was delivered on 10 August and is one of two ex US Navy SH-60Fs that the Armada will use to augment the SH-60B fleet. (15 September 2017)