

Final Cygnus on delivery to South Korea



THE FOURTH and final KC-330 Cygnus (A330-200 Multi-Role Tanker Transport) for the Republic of Korea Air Force (ROKAF) departs the Airbus Defence and Space factory airfield at Getafe, Madrid, on November 26 for its delivery flight to Gimhae Air Base, South Korea, via Calgary, Canada. The aircraft, which will receive the ROKAF serial 19-004 once in service, was still marked as MRTT053 and used the callsign 'AED353'. The tanker-transport had returned to Getafe after being painted at Cambridge Airport in the UK in October. Airbus delivered the third ROKAF MRTT last August (see *Third ROKAF A330 MRTT prepares for delivery*, August 2019, p24).

In Brief

■ Fourth Philippine C295M delivered
The Philippine Air Force formally accepted its fourth C295M at Clark Air Base in Pampanga on November 11. The transport was acquired under the Command-and-Control Fixed-Wing Turboprop Acquisition (C2FWTPA) programme and will initially be used to deliver aid to earthquake-hit Mindanao. It will subsequently be employed for VIP and presidential transport.

■ Meteor missile for KF-X fighter
MBDA has been awarded a contract from Korea Aerospace Industries (KAI) to integrate its Meteor beyond-visual-range air-to-air missile onto the KF-X future fighter. The deal includes integration support to KAI, transfer of knowhow and manufacture of test equipment for the KF-X integration and trials campaign.

■ Bell 412EPs for Indonesia
PT Dirgantara Indonesia (PTDI) is fitting out two of the nine Bell 412EPs destined for the Indonesian Army and ordered earlier in 2019. Bell Textron recently handed over one of these to the PTDI facilities in Bandung – it was the 70th helicopter transferred by the American company to PTDI.

■ New aircraft for Nepal
The Nepalese Army has taken delivery of the single CN235-220 produced by PT Dirgantara Indonesia (see *Nepalese CN235 ready for delivery*, October 2019, p25). The transport – serial NA-062 (c/n N068) – was delivered to Nepal last November 2 and officially handed over later that month. Other new aircraft recently noted in Nepalese Army service include the second AW139 (9N-RAM, c/n 31860) received in September and two Piper PA-28-181 Archer IIIs delivered in February 2019 (NA-059, c/n 2843938 and NA-060 c/n 2843939).

■ Philippine Cobras arrive
Two AH-1 attack helicopters donated to the Philippines by Jordan have arrived in the country, according to local reports. The Cobras are said to have been transported to Clark Air Base aboard an An-124 cargo aircraft on November 26. After assembly and flight tests they were expected to enter service in December.

Tiger stripes for ROKAF's 11th Fighter Squadron



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DURING A recent visit to South Korea it appeared that the Republic of Korea Air Force's (ROKAF's) 11th

Fighter Squadron (FS) 'Tigers' has started applying a tiger-striped tail fin. At least two different KF-16C Block

52s from the unit were seen wearing the markings. The 11th FS operates the KF-16s from Gunsan Air Base where

it is assigned to the 38th Fighter Group, which itself is subordinate to the 10th Fighter Wing at Suwon AB.

Second Thai Army C295W delivered



Ruben Zammit

ROYAL THAI Army C295W 19160 (c/n 160) passed through Malta International Airport, Luqa, during its delivery flight

on November 26, using the callsign 'AED960'. This is the operator's second C295W, following serial 16150 (c/n 150),

which entered service in August 2016. The latest aircraft, which was first seen pre-delivery at Seville, Spain, last April, arrived

in Bangkok on December 2. It has been assigned to the Army Transportation Department stationed at Don Muang Air Base.