

Indian Express, 3 July 2008

India signs \$210-mn deal with Brazil for airborne early warning system

New Delhi, July 3: India has signed a \$210-million deal with Brazil to acquire three Embraer 145 jets and jointly develop an Airborne Early Warning System for the Indian Air Force (IAF). While the radar and other sub-systems of the Early Warning System will be developed by DRDO, Brazil will provide the jets that will help integrate the system onto the aircraft. Under the deal, Brazil's Embraer aircraft manufacturer will modify the EMB-145 jet - similar to the ones used for VIP transport by the IAF - to carry an indigenous Active Array Antenna Unit (AAAU) on the aircraft's fuselage

Hindu, 6 July 2008

Astra ready for first full test flight

New Delhi: The first full test flight of the indigenous beyond visual range missile, Astra, is likely 'anytime in the next 45 days.'

Hindu, 7 July 2008

IAF team to leave for U.S. today

NEW DELHI: A 247-strong contingent of the Indian Air Force will leave for the U.S. on Monday to participate in the 15-day multinational air exercise 'Red Flag 08,' scheduled to be held at the Nellis Air Force Base from August 9. The IAF will involve eight SU-30 MK-Is, two IL-78 air-to-air refuellers and one IL-76 transport aircraft. The contingent comprises 156 personnel below the officers rank and 91 officers (including 10 members of 'Garud' - IAF's special force)

Times of India, 7 July 2008

IAF team takes off today for multination wargames

NEW DELHI: In the early hours of Monday, eight frontline Sukhoi-30MKI fighters, two IL-78 mid-air refuellers and an IL-76 heavy-lift aircraft will quietly take off from Pune to head for what will be one of toughest challenges for IAF till now. Hopping across Qatar, Turkey, France and Portugal, the IAF aircraft - along with 91 officers and 156 other ranks - will finally touch down in the US on July 17 in the run-up to the world famous "Red Flag" air combat wargames

The Hindu, 16 July 2008

Air Force places orders for Akash missile production

Chennai: The Indian Air Force (IAF) has placed orders for the production of Akash, a surface-to-air missile, developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO). The orders have been placed in the wake of a 10-day successful drill in December 2007 that involved the launch of several Akash missiles by its user, the IAF, from the Integrated Test Range at Chandipur-on-sea, Orissa. Prahlada, Chief Controller, R&D, DRDO, said the IAF placed "initial orders for some squadrons" of the Akash missile and that "the orders will continue"...

The Indian Express, 16 July 2008

China prompts IAF to upgrade NE bases

Chabua: Worried at the increase in Chinese airfields along the border, the Centre is upgrading its infrastructure and fleet strength at all Air Force Stations (AFSs) under the Eastern Air Command. "AFS Chabua is surrounded by 14 airfields on the Chinese side. Not all of them are being used, but they can be made operational within a week," said the Commanding Officer of the Chabua airbase, Group Captain M S Venkateswara. Pointing out that the border with China was 170 km north and that with Myanmar 80 km south of Chabua airbase, he said, "This calls for an increase in

air defence mechanism"...

The Times of India, 29 July 2008

Pak violated Indian airspace thrice: IAF

New Delhi: A TV report says that the Indian Air Force has confirmed that the Pakistani Air Force warplanes had violated Indian airspace on at least three occasions in May and June. The Indian Air Force has now got itself into operational readiness after a pattern of air space violation was seen. According to Times Now , three intrusions were reported in Pathankot sector. After these intrusions, the Director General of Military Operations (DGMO) of the Indian Army - General Sekhon - spoke with his Pakistan counterpart - Major General Ahmed Pasha...