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Hawk advanced jet trainers leave for India from United Kingdom

NEW DELHI: The first two Hawk advanced jet trainers, of the 66 to be delivered to the Indian Air Force (IAF), have departed from the United Kingdom to their new home at the Bidar Air Force Station in Karnataka. The advanced jet trainers will replace the more demanding MiG-21 for providing advanced training to the next generation of fighter pilots.

Hindustan Times, 12 November 2007

India, Russia to co-develop transport aircraft

India and Russia on Monday inked a \$600 million deal to jointly develop and produce a multi-role transport aircraft (MRTA) for their air forces and for sale to third countries. The agreement was among four signed in Moscow after Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh held talks with Russian President Vladimir Putin. The two countries had last month signed an agreement on jointly developing and producing a fifth generation combat jet after Defence Minister AK Antony's talks in Moscow with his Russian counterpart Anatoly Serdyukov.

Press Information Bureau (Government of India), 19 November 2007

DELAY IN INS VIKRAMADITYA

The overall progress of repair and re-equipping of the ship, ex-Admiral Gorshkov, in Russia is slow. The Russian side has submitted a revised Master Schedule indicating a delay in the project. The Russian side has attributed the delays to Growth of Work. In order to supervise the project for repair and re-equipping of the aircraft carrier Vikramaditya (earlier called Admiral Gorshkov), an apex level committee under Defence Secretary and a Steering Committee under a Vice Admiral have been set up. A team has also been stationed at the shipyard where the repair and re-equipping work is going on. From time to time, teams comprising senior officers are also sent to monitor progress of the project. The matters are also taken up between the two countries at appropriate level.

Central Chronicle, 20 November 2007

IAF breaks new ground

The IAF along with the Indian army and navy plans to work towards the integration of fire power resource to ensure optimum effect on the target. The 75-years old Indian Air Force (IAF) as part of its long term plan to emerge as a truly continental force, is now seriously pursuing the creation of a tri-service aerospace command. As envisaged, the Indian Aerospace Command, whose headquarters is planned to be located in Thiruvananthapuram, will help extend its reach and boost its strike capability by a substantial extent. As pointed out by the IAF Chief, FH Major, over the years the responsibilities of the Air Force have not only increased tremendously but the force's area of operations might go up to the South China Sea.

Times of India, 20 November 2007

IAF would like joint air exercises with China: Major

SHILLONG: The Indian Air Force (IAF) would like to conduct joint air exercises with China as there were no "issues" that came in the way of such manoeuvres, IAF Chief Air

Chief Marshal F H Major said on Monday. Major told reporters at the Eastern Air Command base at Shillong he was "hopeful" that in the near future India may have a joint military exercises with China.

The Hindu, 20 November 2007

Differences exist on border location: IAF

Shillong: The Indian Air Force on Monday sought to allay any threat from China and said there was misunderstanding of the location of the India-China boundary. Replying to queries on the reported Chinese intrusion, Air Chief Marshal F.H. Major said, Intrusion is a wrong word to be used. Yes, there is difference of perception of the boundary between both the countries.

Jane Defence Weekly, 22 November 2007

India prepares for significant delay on Phalcon programme

India's USD1.5 billion contract to mount Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI)-made Phalcon airborne early warning radars on three Ilyushin IL-76 A-50 heavy transport aircraft has been significantly delayed, official sources said. Defence officials conceded that a delay in the delivery of the first Phalcon airborne early warning and control (AEW&C) platform to the Indian Air Force (IAF) by nearly a year to September 2008 was another example of Russia's growing list of delays in supplying military equipment to India. Consequently, the induction of the remaining two AEW&C aircraft to the IAF in September 2008 and March 2009, in accordance with the three-year-old agreement with the IAI, has now been deferred to April 2009 and August 2010 respectively.

Press TV, 27 November 2007

India-Singapore joint military exercises

Singaporean and Indian air forces have kicked off an 18-day joint exercise involving fighter aircraft, defense officials said. The bilateral exercise, launched Monday, is codenamed Sindex and is taking place at Kalaikunda in eastern India. F-5 fighter aircraft from Singapore and MiG-27s from India are participating in the exercise, the fifth in a series between the two countries.

The Hindu, 30 November 2007

Wolf Pack arrives for mock combat

Six Mirage 2000 fighter aircraft of the Gwalior-based Wolf Pack squadron of the Indian Air Force (IAF) arrived here on Thursday afternoon to take part in a massive air combat exercise over the southern peninsula scheduled to start on December 3. Wing Commander K. Suresh Kumar, a Keralite, commands the Wolf Pack. The war game, code-named Dakshin Prahar, will start with Jaguar ground-attack aircraft (mimicking the role of invading enemy bombers) targeting key national assets in the peninsula.