

Finmeccanica-Alenia Aermacchi: 100 million euro contract with Peruvian Ministry of Defence for the supply of two C-27J Spartans

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- The agreement also includes logistic support and technical assistance
- The order brings the number of C-27J Spartans for the FAP to four

Rome, 15 January 2015 - On 31 December 2014, Finmeccanica-Alenia Aermacchi signed a contract, valued at around 100 million euro, with the Peruvian Ministry of Defense to supply two C-27J Spartan tactical airlifters.

The contract, which brings the number of C-27J Spartans ordered by the Peruvian Air Force to four, also includes integrated logistic support and technical assistance. The first two aircraft, ordered in December 2013, will be delivered to FAP in the first few months of 2015, while the second order will be delivered in 2016 and 2017. The aircraft will be operated by 8th Air Group based at Callao, on the country's central coast.

The C-27J Spartan was chosen thanks to its ability to operate safely, efficiently and at competitive cost in all operational and environmental conditions in Peru, with the capability to operate on a large number of airfields, including the unprepared strips in the Andes.

Other than Peru, the C-27J Spartan has already been ordered by the air forces of Italy, Greece, Bulgaria, Lithuania, Romania, Morocco, Slovakia and by United States, Mexico, Australia and an undisclosed African country. In total, 80 aircraft have been ordered so far.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

*The **C-27J Spartan** is a new generation medium battlefield airlifter, it is a twin-engine, turboprop, tactical transport aircraft with state-of-the-art technology in avionics, propulsion and systems. The aircraft can perform a variety of missions including transport of troops, goods and medicines, Medical evacuation (MEDEVAC), airdrop operations, paratroopers' launches, search and rescue (SAR), logistical re-supply, fire fighting, humanitarian assistance and operations in support of homeland security.*

The C-27J is equipped with modern avionics and efficient propulsion system (two Rolls-Royce assuring a 4,650 SHP each). The architecture of its avionics system is completely redundant, thus increasing the level of mission security and reliability and permitting operation in any environment condition and in any operational scenario. The C-27J, thanks to a loading system, perfectly compatible with that of the C-130, can carry pallets weighing up to 4,550 kg and 2.20 metre tall, or platforms with a length of 12 ft, weighing up 6,000 kg.

The C-27J is capable of taking off from and landing on unprepared strips less-than-500 m. long, with maximum take-off weight up to 31,800 kg; it may carry up to 60 equipped soldiers or up to 46 paratroopers and, in the air ambulance (MEDEVAC) version, 36 stretchers or 24 stretchers and two Patient Transport Support System, with stretchers and stowage provisions for intensive care medical equipment and six medical assistants. The large cross section (2.60 metre high, 3.33 metre wide) and high floor strength (4,900 kg/m load capability) allow heavy and large military equipment to be loaded.

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