

# Selex completes Praetorian deliveries for Tranche 2 Typhoons



Selex ES has completed shipment of Praetorian defensive aids sub-systems (DASS) for installation onboard the Tranche 2 Eurofighter **Typhoon** multi-role combat aircraft.

The systems will equip all 236 Tranche 2 Typhoons operated by the air forces of Germany, Italy, Spain and the UK to help enhance pilot battlefield awareness.

Currently leading the EuroDASS consortium, which is responsible for Praetorian design, production and delivery, Selex ES received a €400m contract from **BAE Systems** for the supply of the systems in support of the Tranche 3A Typhoon programme in September 2010.

The company also secured a contract to provide the Praetorian system to an undisclosed Middle-Eastern Typhoon operator, with Selex ES Electronic Warfare Marketing and Sales VP Pete Forrest saying the company is "proud" to play a significant role in the protection of the Typhoon aircraft.

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Fitted internally to the aircraft, Praetorian is an advanced electronic warfare (EW) suite designed to provide 360° coverage against air-to-air and surface-to-air threats in the battlefield.

Manufactured by a consortium including EADS, Alenia Aeronautica and BAE, Typhoon is a twin-engine, canard-delta wing, multirole fighter designed for deployment during air operations, including air policing, peace support and high-intensity conflict missions across the globe.

Typhoon is the largest new generation fighter programme, covering serial production of 559 aircraft in three tranches, with 321 aircraft currently operational with the Austrian, Italian, German, Saudi, Spanish and UK air forces.

Commissioned in 2004, the aircraft is expected to remain in operational service until 2040.

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