

the possibility of installing Ericsson's Erieye planar array radar into the N-250 to meet future airborne early warning requirements. Another interesting exhibit was the CN-235MPA maritime patroler (AX-2314) in full Navy colours but wearing Air Force roundels. This aircraft is still undergoing systems and acceptance trials and eventually five will



Above: An AS-202/18A3 Bravo of Yogyakarta-based 101 SkU.

Left: Elint/MPA NC-212CC4 in full Navy colours before delivery to the 800 SkU of the Indonesian Navy. An order for five was signed at the show.



be delivered to the armed forces — three for the Air Force to assist the Boeing 737-2X9 Surveillers currently in operation and two to the Navy. This long-awaited contract was signed at the show and will also include one CN-235 equipped for airborne command and control. Another CN-235MPA, PK-XNC, was demonstrated, this time a prototype with an even more potent radar system.

Elint/MPA NC-212 AX-2107 was displayed in full Navy colours and wore the RON 800/patrol maritime insignia. Meanwhile, a 2 Sqn CN-235 (A-2306) from Halim AB showed off its military transport configuration, just as it is flown in Indonesia.

Various company demonstrators were present, among them all the helicopters manufactured by IPTN, including two Super Pumas, PK-XSI and XSJ, NBK-117, PK-NZH, an NBo-105 and an NAB-412. They were supported by the Indonesian Army NAB-412, HA-5114 and NBo-105CB HS-7109, together with a Police NBo-105C P-4017.

Three more NBo-105s were ordered by the armed forces during the show, together with one NAB-412 and five NC-212s. Surprisingly, the static display also featured the Presidential VIP Super Puma NAS-332L1, H-3321 of *Skadron Udara* (SkU) 17, from Halim AB. The Indonesian presence continued in the form of three *Federasi Aero Sport Indonesia* (FASI) operated aircraft: C-47 Dakota AF-4776 in special colours, L-4J Piper Cub R-379 and veteran T-6 Harvard B-475.

The Air Force sent just two Yogyakarta-based AS-202 Bravos and two camouflaged Hawk Mk 53s, LL-5306 and 5316, from Madiun to take part in the static and aerial displays. Unfortunately none of the most recently delivered Hawk Mk 109s were on show.

The RAF's Red Arrows had made the long journey eastwards specially for the show and dazzled all with their formidable skills. The Indonesian national aerobatic team *Elang Biru* (Blue Eagles), consisting of six F-16A Block 15 Fighting Falcons from 3 Sqn at Madiun AB, gave an impressive performance in a blue-orange colour scheme specially adopted to commemorate the Air Force's 50th anniversary this year. Within weeks of the show, all eight aircraft will be repainted in their typical Indonesian three-tone air defence colours. The Australian Roulettes flew their six PC-9s and proved to the spectators that less noise does not mean less performance. Russia's Rosvoozrouzhenie state-owned company, sent Su-30 603 and Su-35 709 to show off their amazing capabilities.

Also present was the familiar red-white-blue Su-27 *Flanker* 598, which gave a low-level air-refuelling demonstration with Russian Air Force Il-78 *Midax* 34 blue. A refuelling boom problem prevented the *Koninklijke Luchtmacht* KDC-10 T-235 from 334 Sqn from carrying out a similar demonstration with two Klu F-16s. This converted airliner had made the trip with two Leeuwarden-based F-16s, J-203 and J-656, and had included a stop in Dubai. A display of tight formation flying compensated for this setback and luckily the



Above: An Indonesian Hawk Mk 53 of 103 SkU prepares, together with five other examples, for the opening formation of the show which also included six F-5s and six F-16s.

Left: A Malaysian 17 Sqn MiG-29N serialised M43-05 represented MiG, together with a 19 Sqn example.