
PRESS RELEASE**LEONARDO, PT ESYSTEM SOLUTIONS AND THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA SIGN M-346 F AIRCRAFT LETTER OF INTENT TO MEET INDONESIAN AIR FORCE TRAINING AND COMBAT REQUIREMENTS**

Rome, 04/02/2026 - At Singapore Airshow 2026, Leonardo announced the signing of a Letter of Intent (LOI) with PT ESystem Solutions Indonesia and the Ministry of Defence (MoD) of the Republic of Indonesia aimed at cooperating for the supply and support of the Leonardo M-346 F “Block 20” aircraft to meet Indonesian Air Force operational requirements.

The LOI follows the selection of the M-346 by the MoD to respond to Indonesia’s training and combat capability needs. The programme will provide a major contribution to the MoD pursuing an aircraft fleet modernization plan leveraging on the M-346 advanced technology and performance to replace ageing types, such as the Hawk, among others.

The LOI also includes the localization of a range of support, maintenance, overhaul, training capabilities as well as human capital development. The parties will now move into the next stage of discussions, intended to achieve a procurement contract signing soon.

The new M-346 F “Block 20” light fighter configuration standard will be equipped with cockpits featuring a Large Area Display (LAD), active electronically scanned radar, a Link 16 data-link, electronic countermeasures, and new weapons systems. Leonardo's platform simultaneously offers a complete, integrated advanced flight training system - including a GBTS (Ground Based Training System), combined simulated elements and scenarios with real flights according to a Live, Virtual and Constructive (LVC) logic - with additional light combat capabilities for air-to-air and air-to-surface missions, enabled by advanced mission systems, equipment and sensors, also including aerial refuelling capability.

The M-346 is the core element of a cutting-edge and continuously evolving advanced flight-training system that has already demonstrated its effectiveness: a success story that has logged over 150,000 hours in flight with nearly 160 aircraft sold to date, enabling several air forces worldwide – including Asia - to train pilots for flying high-performance, latest generation fighters and to prepare transition towards the next-generation ‘combat air systems’.

20 countries already train their pilots on the M-346 – including those leveraging Italy’s I International Flight Training School - or have chosen this aircraft, in the fighter version, as a light multirole fighter. Thanks to its high-performance capabilities and manoeuvrability, the M-346 has also been chosen by the Italian Air Force as the future aircraft for the “Frecce Tricolori”, Italy’s national aerobatic team.

Leonardo is an international industrial group, among the main global companies in Aerospace, Defence, and Security (AD&S). With 60,000 employees worldwide, the company approaches global security through the Helicopters, Electronics, Aeronautics, Cyber & Security and Space sectors, and is a partner on the most important international programmes such as Eurofighter, JSF, NH-90, FREMM, GCAP, and Eurodrone. Leonardo has significant production capabilities in Italy, the UK, Poland, and the USA. Leonardo utilises its subsidiaries, joint ventures, and shareholdings, which include Leonardo DRS (71.4%), MBDA (25%), ATR (50%), Hensoldt (22.8%), Telespazio (67%), Thales Alenia Space (33%), and Avio (19.3%). Listed on the Milan Stock Exchange (LDO), in 2024 Leonardo recorded new orders for €20.9 billion, with an order book of €44.2 billion and consolidated revenues of €17.8 billion. Included in the MIB ESG index, the company has also been part of the Dow Jones Sustainability Indices (DJSI) since 2010.

