Egypt to Upgrade 35 Apaches to AH-64D Configuration

The government of Egypt has signed a letter of offer and acceptance with the United States Department of Defense calling for 35 of Egypt's AH-64A Apache helicopters to be remanufactured into the AH-64D configuration.

Once government-to-government negotiations are completed through a foreign military sales (FMS) agreement, the U.S. Army will contract directly with Boeing for the Egyptian aircraft and equipment. Total value of the program - including aircraft, ordnance, spares, training and support - is expected to be approximately $400 million.

Egypt initially announced its intention to upgrade its Apaches in July. The FMS contract with the Army is expected to be signed early next year with deliveries to Egypt scheduled to begin in July 2003.

Domestically, Boeing is already under contract to deliver 232 remanufactured AH-64D Apache Longbows to the U.S. Army through 2001; these are for the Army's own operations. Boeing is also in final negotiations to remanufacture an additional 269 Army AH-64As into the Apache Longbow configuration through 2006 as part of a second five-year, multi-year contract with the service. Defense forces from several international customers also are considering upgrading to the Apache Longbow.

In addition, Boeing is producing 30 AH-64D Apaches for the Royal Netherlands Air Force, and 67 WAH-64 Apache Longbows as part of the GKN Westland Helicopters, Ltd. team that is building the aircraft for the United Kingdom.

The advanced, multi-mission AH-64D Apache features fully integrated avionics and weapons plus a state-of-the-art modem that transmits real-time, secure digitized battlefield information to air and ground forces.

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