

■ New MEDEVAC Stretchers for Dornier 228

(ck) RUAG Aviation has secured modern MEDEVAC stretcher kits from GVH Aerospace. The AEROSTRETCHER Mk IV received approval by the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA). The installation of the new stretchers to replace the former, now defunct, stretchers in the Dornier 228 is offered by RUAG under exclusive contract. RUAG is the original equipment manufacturer (OEM) of the Dornier 228 and promises to ensure optimum performance capabilities for this and other supplementary aircraft equipment. The new stretchers feature a modular design for flexibility in all situations: MEDEVAC teams are able to transport their patients securely throughout their mission, including transfers to and from the aircraft, thus avoiding disruptions in care conditions; easy stretcher fastening and unfastening within the cabin promotes speed of care and reduces workload; and a multi-fit floor interface system adapts to varying cabin configurations for better responsiveness to passenger and mission needs.

■ Secure Doors from Technocover

(ck) Ultimately, the effectiveness of any security asset will depend on the last line of defence between the determined assailant and a critical installation. This is why companies like Technocover design high-security entry systems with tested resistance to deter and mitigate the risk of unauthorised entry and attack. Technocover is a producer of above-ground, below-ground and building-hardening security solutions

for physical protection and site security. Typically, Technocover equipment is used to protect critical assets like water, gas and electricity distribution, telecommunications, energy, laboratories, banking, and



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government sites. At the trade fair SCTX 2018, Technocover will be showcasing its range of LPCB-certified doors with security ratings SR2, SR3, SR4 and SR5 and with certified entry and exit controls.

■ Spain and Germany to Buy Thales Rockets

(ck) The Spanish Army Aviation and the German Armed Forces who have been involved in different UN-peacekeeping missions and



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are currently deployed in Mali with TIGER helicopters, are increasing their capabilities with Thales' rockets. The Spanish Logistic

Support Command of the Army and the German Procurement Agency have just awarded Thales a contract for a batch of 1,000 and 10,000 70 mm rockets respectively for their TIGER HAD-E and their UH TIGER. Deliveries are expected shortly. Produced by Thales in Belgium (Herstal), the 70 mm rockets offer a high level of efficiency on both helicopters and combat fixed wing aircraft. In the scope of the German contract, Thales is to meet the increased demand for training of the German Armed Forces. The rocket will feature a modified FZ90 MOD.4 rocket motor with reduced debris. The Spanish Army Aviation requires high mobility and firepower for assault operations. All forces operating TIGER helicopters – Spain, France, Germany and Australia – have introduced 70 mm rockets from Thales.

■ Ukrainian Cruise Missile

(ck) Ukraine tested a domestically-produced cruise missile capable of hitting land and sea targets from land, National Security and Defence Council Secretary Oleksandr Turchynov said. Turchynov did not reveal the range of the missile, the first wholly made in Ukraine to be tested, but said it was in line with international agreements. Ukraine is battling Russian-backed separatists in eastern Ukraine in a conflict that erupted after Russia's annexation of Crimea in 2014. Kiev has committed to spending 5% of GDP on defence. "Successful flight tests of the new missile system, namely of a land-launched cruise missile, were carried out. Flight performance and performance of all systems of this new Ukrainian weapon system were checked during the tests," Turchynov said.

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