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Bangladesh Navy To Buy Two More Dornier 228s

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Dornier 228: Ruag Aviation

NEW DELHI—The Bangladesh Navy (BN) has decided to buy two more new Ruag Aviation Dornier 228 aircraft as part of its effort to strengthen maritime patrol and rescue missions along the country's 120,000 sq. km of maritime territorial area and exclusive economic zone.

“The new aircraft, in addition to an existing fleet of two Dornier 228s, reinforces BN's efforts to increase their naval and coast guard surveillance activities to further ensure their nation's safety and economic strength,” says Thomas Imke, regional sales manager for Ruag Aviation. “The mission-adaptable sensors and systems, as well as communications systems, supported by the Dornier 228 in its multirole configuration are providing BN with the accurate data and information they require.”

Ruag Aviation delivered the first two Dornier 228 New Generation aircraft to BN in 2013.

The Dornier 228 NG is equipped with a door that can be opened in flight, as well as a marine marker and life raft, enabling search-and-rescue operations.

Leonardo recently signed a contract with Ruag Aviation to provide its Seaspray 5000E active electronically scanned array radars for the two new-production Dornier 228s. The radars will be delivered in 2018.

Seaspray, which can detect small targets in rough seas, will be used by the BN to conduct anti-smuggling and anti-pollution missions, as well as for the prevention of illegal fishing and migration. Because the radar is particularly suited to search-and-rescue tasks, the new Seaspray-equipped multirole aircraft will also be able to help protect the

lives of sailors during natural disasters. This is of particular importance to the BN as the Bay of Bengal is prone to cyclones and hurricanes.

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