

# Indonesian Hawks Going Grey



**Above:** Indonesian Air Force/SkU 1 Hawk Mk 209 TT-0234, with TT-0223 behind, seen here on April 2, are the first to be noted wearing the new two-tone grey colour scheme to be adopted by all of the surviving Indonesian Hawk Mk 109/209s. Adrian Romang

HAVING WORN a brown/green camouflage scheme ever since first entering service over 15 years ago, the 30 or so surviving Hawk Mk 109/209s of the Tentara Nasional Indonesia – Angkatan Udara, TNI-AU (Indonesian Air Force) are now having a new two-tone grey livery applied. A single aircraft, Hawk Mk 209 TT-0213 from Skadron Udara (SkU) 12 at Pekanbaru Air Base, was painted in experimental three-tone grey and blue colours, but this scheme was dropped in favour of the grey, according to SkU 15 commander Colonel Agung Sasongkojati. At least two Hawk Mk 209s (TT-0234 and TT-0223 from SkU 1 at Pontianak Air Base) have already been painted in the new grey

colours and the rest will follow in due course.

The TNI-AU has been operating BAe Hawks since 1980, when deliveries commenced with an

initial batch of 20 Mk 53 trainers, which were assigned to Advanced Training Squadron 103. They were later transferred to SkU 15, based at Iswahyudi Air Base in

Eastern Java, and it is believed that today only a few Mk 53s remain in service, if any at all. Eight Hawk Mk 109s and 16 Hawk Mk 209s were then ordered in 1993. An option for a further 16 Mk 209s was exercised in 1996 and by 2001 all 40 of the aircraft had been delivered. With a total of 60 Hawks operated over the years, the TNI-AU became one of the largest users of this successful trainer/light attack aircraft.

Two squadrons were equipped with the newer versions – SkU 1 based at Pontianak (Kalimantan) and SkU 12 in Pekanbaru (Sumatra). While the Mk 109 Hawks are used as fighter trainers, the single-seat Hawk Mk 209 fulfils the role of a tactical fighter.



**Above:** Indonesian Air Force/SkU 12 Hawk Mk 209 TT-0213 is seen here on April 3 wearing a one-off experimental camouflage scheme dropped in favour of two-tone grey colours. Adrian Romang

## INDONESIAN ARMY ORDERS S-300Cs FOR TRAINING

IN MARCH 2012, the Indonesian Minister of Defence, Purnomo Yusgiantoro, announced a commitment to double Indonesia's military helicopters, generating the need for helicopter training for an additional 100 pilots. Sikorsky Aircraft confirmed on April 16 that it has sold two S-300Cs, with an option on four more, to IPTN North America, a subsidiary of PT Dirgantara Indonesia (PTDI)/ Indonesian Aerospace (IAe). These S-300C helicopters will be delivered to the Tentara Nasional Indonesia – Angkatan Darat (TNI-AD – Indonesian Army) to assist in meeting this requirement. The aircraft are expected to be delivered to the TNI-AD in late 2012.

## ARINC Delivers Upgraded C-130H to Indonesian Air Force

ARINC AEROSPACE has recently completed an extensive programmed depot maintenance (PDM) project on a Hercules transport aircraft for the Tentara Nasional Indonesia – Angkatan Udara (TNI-AU, Indonesian Air Force). Announcing the successful completion of the project, ARINC said it had involved months of significant structural and systems repair work at the company's Aircraft Maintenance and Operations facility in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

After the 30-year-old transport, C-130H-30 A-1323, had been flown back to Halim Air Base, Jakarta, Indonesia, a ceremony was held on February 24 during which it was formally handed back to the TNI-AU. ARINC's customer is the US Air Force

C-130 FMS Program Office and the work represents one of the first awards in more than ten

years for the TNI-AU under the US Air Force's Foreign Military Sales (FMS) scheme.



**Above:** Attendees at the handover ceremony for newly-refurbished Indonesian Air Force C-130H-30 Hercules A-1323 line up in front of the aircraft at Jakarta-Halim Perdanakusuma Air Base on February 24. ARINC