
AgustaWestland wins contract to upgrade UK Apache AH Mk1 helicopter fleet

The UK Ministry of Defence (MoD) has awarded AgustaWestland, a Finmeccanica company, a £194m contract (283,7 € million) to upgrade the Apache AH MK1 sighting and targeting system. This system, known as M-TADS/PNVS (Modernised Target Acquisition Designation Sight / Pilot Night Vision Sensor), will provide Apache pilots with greater situational awareness and combat effectiveness. It will also enable significant whole life cost savings to be generated over the operational life of the Apache.

Work on the M-TADS programme starts immediately with design and software activities, followed by flight trials in the UK in 2007. The first modified aircraft will be delivered to the MoD in January 2009 and the retrofit of the entire fleet of 67 aircraft will be completed by the end of 2010.