

technicians were able to solve the problem in time for all three to fly home together. Britain's aviation industry was represented by Westland's Lynx HAS.35GM X2721, which spent two days being airlifted to the show inside a Russian freighter. British Airways' Concorde (G-BOAD) completed the journey much quicker and was one of the undoubted highlights of the show.

Another was the arrival of the Kansas ANG/127th BS B-1B, which sadly had to leave for home on the 25th, via Japan, Alaska and Seattle. The United States was also represented by a 909th ARS KC-135R, 63-7999, 35th FW F-16Cs, 90-0802 and 90-0822, 18th Wing F-15Cs, 78-0512 and 78-0515 and a VP-47 P-3C. Several Kadena-based KC-135Rs had also been sent along as support. Unfortunately the F-117A Night Hawk, B-2A Spirit and the second Lancer were not able to put in appearances. Another no-show was France's fourth-generation Rafale E. In fact, France did not send any military equipment, so only the Boeing 777 competitor, an Airbus A340, could be seen, along with Samaero's TBM-700 and TB-200XL Tobago.

Australia sent 1 Sqn F-111C AB-113, which together with Roulettes' PC-9 A23-041 was to be found in the static park. Malaysia sent two MiG-29Ns, but they were not present for the duration. Singapore was represented by three A-4SU Super Skyhawks from Tengah AB — two still wearing the smart red and white colours of the Black Knights. One example daily showed off the increased power and performance attained since Singapore Aerospace Industries carried out the upgrade and re-engine work. One of the Black Knights was put on static display for closer inspection.

During the week several support aircraft could be seen parked at the nearby terminal. Among them were Hercules from Australia, Malaysia, Great Britain and Indonesia. A small heliport also saw two Air Force NBo-105CBs arrive daily from *Skadron Udara 6*, which together with a police example, were flown in to stand on permanent SAR alert. It was revealed that the Indonesia Air Show will now become a biennial event — the next exhibition will be held in 1998 and its name will be changed to the 'Asia Pacific High Tech and Aerospace Show'. Although Malaysia's LIMA takes place in the preceding December and Singapore's Asian Aerospace in the February, the show's organisers are convinced that Indonesia's growing status in Southeast Asia will afford the new show all the impact and support it deserves.



Above: An Indonesian Army NAB412HP. An order for another was placed during the show.



Above: An NBo-105CB of the Indonesian Army with machine-gun mounting.



Above: IPTN showed its new CN-235MPA prototype (PK-XNC) with improved radar capabilities.

Below: A 3 SkU F-16A (TS-1605) in the colours of the Indonesian national aerobatic team Elang Biru (Blue Eagles) adopted to commemorate the Air Force's 50th anniversary. (Photos Mamix Sap)

