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Singapore Receives First AH-64D Apache Longbow Attack Helicopter

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Brig.Gen. Lim Kim Choon, Chief of the Republic of Singapore Air Force accepts the keys and logbook for the first AH-64D Apache Longbow helicopter from Maj. Gen. Bruce K. Scott, Commanding General, U.S. Army Security Assistance Command

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The Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) received its first Apache Longbow Attack Helicopter (AH-64D) at a rollout ceremony on 17 May 2002 at the Boeing plant in Mesa, Arizona, USA. Chief of the Republic of Singapore Air Force (RSAF), Brigadier-General Lim Kim Choon officiated at the ceremony. Representatives of the Ministry of Defence, US Army and Boeing were present.

The SAF purchased eight Apache Attack Helicopters in 1999 and a further 12 in 2001. The acquisition of the Apaches marks a milestone in the development of the SAF's helicopter operations. The Apaches will enhance the SAF's operational capabilities and advance its efforts to build an integrated and balanced defence force. The SAF's Apache programme is managed by the Defence Science and Technology Agency (DSTA).

The combat-proven Apache is designed to fight and survive the modern high intensity battlefield, and is highly effective in a wide range of scenarios. The versatile Apache is the first helicopter developed by Boeing specifically for day, night and adverse weather combat missions.

The Apaches will be based in Marana, Arizona under the Peace Vanguard programme. RSAF pilots and crew will train with the Arizona National Guard (AZNG) and enjoy access to training area including the Gila Bend US Air Force ranges. These arrangements underscore the excellent defence relationship between Singapore and the United States.



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Speech:

- Speech by Chief of Air Force, Brigadier-General Lim Kim Choon at the Rollout Ceremony of the Apache Longbow Helicopter held on Friday, 17 May 2002 at 0930 hrs (US Time) at Mesa, Arizona
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Fact Sheets:

- AH-64D Apache Longbow Helicopter (Document No: MINDEF_20020518003_1.pdf)
- AH-64D Apache Longbow Helicopter - Updated 23 Feb 2012 for the Singapore Airshow 2012
(Document No: MINDEF_20020518003_2.pdf)

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