

## The Honduran Ministry of Defense acquires two additional H145 helicopters

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**Santiago de Chile, 10 April 2024** - The Ministry of Defense of Honduras has acquired two additional Airbus H145 helicopters, which will be operated by the Honduran Air Force to perform passenger and cargo transport, search and rescue, firefighting, medical evacuation, and other essential missions in the region. This new purchase follows an initial order signed in April 2023 for two H145s that will be delivered before the end of 2024.

"The H145 helicopters respond to Honduras' need for modern, multi-purpose helicopters that can be used for the next 30 years. Honduras, due to its location, is frequently affected by hurricanes, natural disasters, and fires. The fact that we will have six H145s available in the coming years will make the population feel safer knowing that their armed forces have the most modern helicopters to protect and assist them during these natural disasters," said José Manuel Zelaya, Minister of Defense of Honduras.

"We are delighted to take another step forward in our collaboration with Honduras through this vital project and we are proud to know that our H145s will perform essential missions to protect the Honduran people," said Alberto Robles, Head of Airbus Helicopters in Latin America. "With excellent availability and performance, the H145 has proven to be a very versatile platform that adapts perfectly to the climatic and geographic conditions of the region."

In addition to the operational advantages and safety features that make the H145 a commercial success around the world, the five-bladed version offers an additional 150kg of useful load and improved comfort for passengers and crews. The H145's excellent performance, especially in hot and high conditions, makes it ideal for performing firefighting missions, with added value provided by its compact fuselage which enables the aircraft to operate and land in confined spaces. In total, there are more than 1,600 H145 family helicopters in service, with more than 7.5 million flight hours. More than 120 are currently flying in Latin America. Thanks to its high flight availability rate and all-weather capability, the H145 can be ready for take-off in just minutes in the event of an emergency.

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