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Britain signs biggest-ever exports deal

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By Air Cdre G. S. COOPER Air Correspondent

BRTAIN'S biggest-ever exports deal, for 132 military aircraft for Saudi Arabia, worth between £3 billion and £4 billion, was signed in London yesterday.

Reports in the newspapers over the last few days of a contract to supply aircraft to Saudi Arabia is good news for our company. Although at this stage the financial terms have still to be negotiated an understanding has been reached between the two governments to supply 72 Tornado's, 30 Hawk Jet Trainers and 30 PC9 Basic Trainers. We have a range of equipment on Tornado and Hawk, the most important being the Main Landing Gear, Ram Air Turbine, and Hydraulics on the Tornado. Total value to our company on all the equipment we supply including spares will be over £10 million.

Whilst the order is unlikely to increase our production in the short term it will certainly mean together with expected further sales to the German airforce and the R.A.F. that the decline we were expecting in the Tornado programme in 1987 will now be delayed until at least 1989. This is particularly important to us all as it will help bridge the gap between the ending of the Tornado programme and the starting of work we hope to obtain on the new European Fighter Aircraft.

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