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Jordan takes delivery of unmanned helicopter for surveillance missions

Jordan has taken delivery of two unmanned Air Systems (UAS) helicopters to be used on reconnaissance, intelligence and surveillance missions.



The two Camcopter S-100 aircraft were delivered by Ausitrian firm Schiebel to the King Abdullah Design and Development Bureau (KADDB) in Amman

The UAS will form a key part of the Jordanian Armed Forces (JAF) reconnaissance Squadron, as KADDB is an independent Governmental military-civilian agency existing within the JAF tasked with operating to best commercial practices with predetermined performance targets.

The Camcopter S-100 was chosen following a comprehensive evaluation process by KADDB on behalf of the Jordan Armed Forces and the Royal Jordanian Air Force to ensure it could meet all of their demanding mission requirements. The unrivalled helicopter UAS will be equipped with L-3 Wescam MX-10 EO/IR payloads, offering a new dimension in capability for the Jordanian Armed Forces. Under the terms of the contract, Schiebel will also provide in-country technical support, maintenance and operator and maintainer training.

“We are extremely proud that our system was selected by KADDB and are looking forward to supporting this new customer as they begin to utilise this unique and proven UAS capability. The Camcopter S-100 is an ideal solution for the Jordanian requirements, delivering real-time information 24/7,” said company owner and chairman, Hans Georg Schiebel.

KADDB s Chairman and CEO, Shadi Ramzi Majali, said KADDB had led the coordination between the JAF and the RJAF with Schiebel to translate the operational requirements into technical specifications and evaluate the different systems capabilities to meet the Jordanian intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance requirements .

“In a world where the need for maximum security is paramount, I believe the Schiebel UAS can combat the many diverse challenges and dangers existing, by delivering immediate information of a very high resolution to those that need it most, the decision makers on the ground,” he said.