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### **Sudan F50 crash lands after main gear failure**



A Fokker 50 operated by Sudan Airways had to make an emergency landing at Khartoum yesterday after suffering an undercarriage failure. According to local media there were 45 occupants on the aircraft, none of whom were injured.

The Fokker had been on a scheduled flight from Khartoum when it suffered a failure in deploying the left main gear while on approach to Malakal. The crew elected to return to Khartoum where it made a wheels-up landing.

The Fokker is reported to be 21 years old with the registration ST-ASD. *Photo courtesy of AFP*

### **Cargolux reaches tentative agreement with Boeing over B747-8F delay**



Cargolux has announced that it reached a tentative agreement with Boeing concerning "contractual issues" in respect of the delay of two B747-8Fs that were originally scheduled for delivery on 19 and 21 September. The delivery date has now been put back to next week. The cargo carrier said that it will disclose further details later this week after a meeting of its Board of Directors.

### **Deadline for JAT replacement tender extended**



The deadline for the tender to find a strategic partner for set up a new national airline to replace JAT, has been extended by the Serbian government.

The tender was originally scheduled to close on Friday, but a government spokesman has been quoted as saying that the delay was decided upon after requests were made from interested parties to grant more time to better prepare their offers.

An attempt to sell off JAT in 2008 failed and an attempt to sell a majority interest to Turkish Airlines last year also failed.

### **CHC orders 20 EC225s plus options**



Vancouver based operator CHC Helicopter has ordered 20 Eurocopter EC225 Super Pumas with options on another four.

According to CHC, the helicopters, which will be delivered through to 2016, “will be needed to accommodate anticipated growth from both current and future customers. The aircraft are expected to be deployed to serve oil-and-gas customers in the U.K., Norway, Australia and Brazil”.

No financial details of the deal have been released by either CHC or Eurocopter.

### **Piece of Aviation History for October 3**



**1953** - Lt-Cdr James B Verdin flying a Douglas XF4D-1 Skyray, serial 124587, above Salton Sea, California, increases the air speed record to 752.95 mph (1,211.756 kph). This was the first time that the world air speed record had been captured by a carrier-based aircraft.

*Photo of 124587 courtesy of U.S. Naval Museum of*

*Armament & Technology.*

### **Quote of the Day**

The wisest men follow their own direction. Euripides (484 BC - 406 BC)

### **A Bit of Light Relief**

My uncle said, 'My cat got first prize in the budgie show.'  
I said, 'That's impossible. Cats don't get prizes in budgie shows.'  
My uncle said, 'No, a budgie got the prize and my cat ate the budgie.'

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