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Trainers scramble to meet pilot shortfall
The Middle East needs thousands more pilots over the next two decades, so how will they be trained in time? **Page 20**

ExecuJet is in the money

Simple lease deals could beat the credit squeeze
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Irkut's Yak-130 rides high

Irkut's Yak-130 promises next-gen training
Russia's Irkut sees growing interest in its jet trainer even as its focus shifts to the new MS-21 airliner. **Page 31**

UAE aerospace on the rise

Mubadala sets lofty goals for aerospace in Abu Dhabi
With a composites factory now delivering to Airbus, the Gulf's aerospace leader is planning for two generations of growth. **Page 42**

Air power over Libya

RAF's role in Ghaddafi's downfall
How airpower tipped the conflict in Libya decisively in the favor of the country's rebel forces. **Page 54**

UAE blasts fighter bid wide open

by Chris Pocock

French hopes of an early order for Rafale fighters from the United Arab Emirates Air Force may have been dashed. A British source with knowledge of the requirement has told AIN that the Emiratis will now hold a formal competition, and has just issued a request for proposals (RFP) to the UK government for the Eurofighter Typhoon.

Meanwhile, Saudi Arabia's future fighter intentions are also unclear. The UK and the Kingdom have made only slow progress in executing the \$7 billion Al Salam contract for 72 Eurofighters. Furthermore, Riyadh has not yet accepted last year's U.S. offer to supply another 84 Boeing F-15 Strike Eagles.

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Boeing's F-15 program could be looking up with some revitalizing new orders, and depending on the details, there could be some significant upgrades on the menu.

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It's been a long time coming, but Boeing's 787 Dreamliner touched down here for its Dubai Air Show debut. Boeing hopes there will be an influx of orders announced here at the show.



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Dreamliner realized as A350 lags

by Gregory Polek

It's no mirage, and no longer a dream. The long-delayed Boeing 787 Dreamliner has finally made its Middle East debut here at the Dubai Air Show, just as rival Airbus has announced a significant delay in the development of

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