
SOUTH KOREA FORMALLY COMPLETES DEVELOPMENT OF INDIGENOUS KF-21 FIGHTER JET

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South Korea on Wednesday officially completed the development of its first indigenous KF-21 fighter aircraft to replace the country's graying fleet of fighter jets, local media reported, citing the state arms procurement agency.

The 8.8 trillion won (\$6.04 billion) project was launched in 2015 to replace the air force's aging fleet of US-made F-4 and F-5 jets.

The first KF-21 prototype was rolled out in 2021, and the fighter jet passed the final combat suitability review in May this year, clearing all performance requirements for missions, according to the Defense Acquisition Program Administration (DAPA).

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