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## **Kuwait Air Force students complete Selex ES Electronic Warfare Operational Support (EWOS) training**

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Members of the Kuwait Air Force have just completed a six month training course at the Electronic Warfare Operational Support (EWOS) facility of Selex ES, a Finmeccanica company. The course transferred the essential knowledge and skills that will allow the Kuwait Air Force to get the most out of the Selex ES HIDAS Electronic Warfare (EW) equipment currently installed on the country's Apache helicopters. The knowledge transfer will also allow Kuwait to begin to develop a national EWOS capability.

The training follows Kuwait's acquisition of Selex ES's Helicopter Integrated Defensive Aids System (HIDAS), currently in service on the Air Force's AH64-D Apache helicopters, and will allow Kuwait to adapt the system in response to new and developing threats.

"In the fast-paced world of EW, equipment alone no longer provides the most effective solution. This training will allow our Kuwaiti customer to program their electronic warfare hardware to effectively defend against modern threats and new challenges as they emerge in the future" said Ramie Smith, Vice President EWOS at Selex ES.

Following the training, Selex ES will deliver a number of Mission Data sets to Kuwait, allowing the country to begin its assessment and development of a national Electronic Warfare capability. A Selex ES EW expert has also recently been dispatched to Kuwait for a year to continue the close working relationship and support to the Kuwait Air Force.

### Notes to editors

Selex ES's EWOS Centre of Excellence and EW Training Academy in Lincoln, UK provides UK MoD-accredited training suites, secure IT networks and EW Mission Data File (MDF) test and validation facilities within an RF screened laboratory.

Training courses offered cover fundamentals of EW and EWOS, EW Data Analysis, EW Database Management, EW Mission Support, Threat Vulnerability Assessment, EW Tactics and Countermeasures Development, MDF design, production and validation and EWOS facility management.