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2006-4 TLP course with Czech participation

L-159 ALCA will fly the first time at TLP

This summer, the Czech Air Force will join the Tactical Leadership Programme flying course for the first time. From 19th June until 14th July, four L-159 ALCA aircraft will be based at Florennes for the 2006-4 TLP course: two aircraft will be full course participants and two aircraft will fly in a supporting role.

The Tactical Leadership Programme (TLP) has been providing essential training to NATO aircrews since 1978 when the organisation was formed at Furstenfeldbruck in Germany. Initially providing fast-jet seminars in the classroom, the Programme moved to Jever in Northern Germany in 1979, and the training emphasis moved from the classroom into the air. In 1989, the Programme moved to Florennes in Belgium and the proven basic flying course structure has remained essentially unchanged since.

The objectives of the TLP are to provide realistic tactical training, to promote international inter-operability, to practise NATO procedures and above all, to develop the tactical leadership skills of participating aircrew. There are three branches within TLP: The Academic Branch, the Concepts and Doctrine Branch and the Flying Branch. Academic Branch courses in the classroom train some 500 personnel annually, while the Concepts and Doctrine Branch organises conferences for the staff and provides advice to various NATO working groups and organisations. However the main TLP activity is the flying course training. Each year, the TLP staff organise six flying courses comprising approximately 24 fast-jet aircraft and additional support assets. Each course lasts four weeks and contains 15 missions whose complexity increases as the participating crews gain in experience.

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The full list of participating aircraft for the 2006-4 flying course includes:

- 4 x Tornado GR4 from UK
- 2 x L-159 Alca from Czech Republic
- 2 x Tornado PA 200 from Italy
- 3 x Tornado PA 200 from Germany
- 2 x Mirage 2000D from France
- 2 x EF-18 from Spain
- 2 x F-16CG from US
- 2 x F15E from US
- 2 x AMX from Italy
- 2 x Tornado F-3 from UK

In addition, other fast-jet, transport aircraft and helicopters will play a supporting role.

Note for the media:

A media day will be held on July, 06 2006 at Florennes Air Base (see schedule and time table):

TIMES (L)	LOCATION	ACTIVITY
1015	La Clairière Gate	Arrival of Journalists - Welcome by ACO TLP & Be Airstaff PR personnel
1030	Theatre	Cmdt's Briefing
1130	TLP Flight Line	<i>Possibility to photograph the participating Aircraft</i>
1210	Runway	TLP Launch
1330	Dining Hall (DH)	<i>Questions and Answers Session</i>
	DH	Lunch
1500		Departure

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