

## FACT SHEET

## Danish Armed Forces to expand F-35 fleet to 43 jets

The Danish Government and the parties to the Defence Agreement decided on 10 October 2025 to acquire an additional 16 F-35 fighter jets

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➤ The 2016 *Agreement on the acquisition of new fighter jets* resolved to acquire 27 new F-35 fighter jets to replace the Danish Armed Forces' F-16 fighter jets.

➤ Denmark received the first F-35 fighter jets in October 2013.

➤ Denmark currently has 15 F-35 fighter jets at its disposal, while six are stationed at a training base in the United States.

➤ The delivery of the remaining fighter jets from the current order of 27 F-35 fighter jets is expected in 2026.

➤ The initial acquisition of 27 F-35 fighter jets is expected to be declared fully operational in 2027.

➤ With *Agreement on further strengthening of the F-35 fighter jet capacity* the fleet will be expanded with 16 fighter jets delivered as soon as possible.



### F-35 – A critical capacity

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With the F-35 fighter jets, the Danish Armed Forces possess a critical capacity. The F-35 is also an advanced sensor platform that can contribute to the situational picture across the conflict spectrum.

The Danish Armed Forces' ability to deploy a sufficient number of F-35 fighter jets is an important element of Denmark's contribution to NATO's collective defence and deterrence.

In addition to the acquisition of fighter jets an acquisition of unmanned Collaborative Combat Aircrafts (CCA) will also be pursued.