

### L-39 Skyfox Aircraft Showcased at Air Force Base Accra

The Ghana Air Force, in collaboration with OMNIPOL Group and DEFCON s.r.o. of the Czech Republic, successfully hosted a static display and aircraft viewing of the Aero L-39 Skyfox at Air Force Base Accra on Wednesday, 17 December 2025. The event formed part of ongoing defence and security cooperation between the Republic of Ghana and the Czech Republic and offered an opportunity to present the operational capabilities of the L-39 Skyfox, a next-generation jet trainer with light combat roles.

The demonstration brought together senior military leadership, defence partners, and trainees, reflecting Ghana's commitment to modernising its air capabilities and enhancing operational readiness. Designed to meet the evolving requirements of modern air forces, the L-39 Skyfox combines advanced training functions with operational flexibility, making it suitable for a wide range of missions, from pilot training to combat support and internal security operations.

In his address, the Chief of the Air Staff (CAS), Air Vice Marshal Eric Agyen-Frempong, stated that in line with his vision of building an effective and efficient Ghana Air Force anchored on motivated personnel and a culture of excellence, the Service would continue to assess platforms that contribute directly to mission effectiveness. He emphasised that the L-39 Skyfox's dual-role capability aligns with Ghana's efforts to strengthen counter-terrorism, counter-insurgency, and air defence tasks, particularly in a complex and evolving regional security environment.

The Base Commander of Air Force Base Accra, Air Commodore Elvis King Arneson, highlighted the aircraft's advanced avionics suite and its role as a leading platform for fighter lead-in training. He noted that the L-39 Skyfox is capable of preparing pilots for transition to more advanced combat aircraft while also offering light attack and surveillance capabilities.



According to him, the aircraft's versatility in air policing, intelligence gathering, surveillance, and reconnaissance missions makes it relevant not only for conventional military roles but also for internal security support operations. Representing OMNIPOL Group, DEFCON s.r.o., and the Aero Group, Mr Petr Markvart expressed appreciation for the strong and sustained partnership with the Ghana Air Force. He stated that the presentation of the L-39 Skyfox reflects the Group's commitment to providing reliable, cost-effective, and future-ready solutions tailored to the needs of partner nations. He also shared insights into ongoing and future innovations in aircraft technology, emphasising adaptability, digitalisation, and lifecycle efficiency.

In his closing remarks, the Commander, Flying Group, Air Force Base Accra, Group Captain David Nkansah, underscored the aircraft's low operating costs, high availability rates, and ease of maintenance. He noted that these characteristics make the L-39 Skyfox particularly well suited to Ghana's operational requirements and budgetary realities, offering a sustainable solution for both training and operational roles. During the event, participants were given guided tours of the aircraft, allowing them to examine the cockpit, avionics, and external systems at close range, while receiving detailed briefings on performance, mission profiles, and operational history. The demonstration also served as an educational experience for trainees and pupils of the Air Force Basic School. The event was attended by the Chief of the Defence Staff, Lieutenant General William Agyapong, the Service Chiefs, representatives of the Czech Embassy, the Commandant of the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre, senior military officers, and other invited guests, underscoring the strategic importance of defence cooperation between Ghana and the Czech Republic.

