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Dassault Aircraft Business in 2016

In January 2017, Dassault Aviation released production and delivery information covering the previous year's military and civilian business, ranging from Rafale multirole fighters to Falcon business jets. 36 Rafales were ordered for export in 2016, following the execution of the contract with India, compared to 48 ordered in 2015 (24 each for Egypt and Qatar). "This new order once again demonstrates the Rafale's successes."

Meanwhile, 33 Falcon business jets were ordered in 2016 but 12 Falcon 5Xs were cancelled, compared to 45 Falcons ordered and 20 Falcon Netjets cancelled in 2015. "The weakness of the order intake reflects a difficult business jets market," according to a Dassault spokesperson.

Deliveries in 2016 included 9 Rafales (6 to France and 3 to Egypt) in line with Dassault's forecasts, compared with 8 Rafale deliveries (5 to France and 3 to Egypt) in 2015. In addition, Dassault delivered two

Rafale M fighters, retrofitted to the F3 standard for the French Navy.

49 new Falcon business jets were delivered in 2016, as per a forecast of 50 Falcon deliveries, compared to 55 delivered in 2015.

As on 31 December 2016, Dassault's consolidated backlog included 110 Rafales (32 for France and 78 for export) and 63 business jets, compared to 83 Rafale (38 France and 45 Export) and 91 Falcons as of 31 December 2015.

