

Visiting the Ghana Air Force today

The Ghana Armed Forces have a small but smart Air Force, the key to their success being training, as Patrick Dirksen and Frank Mink found during a recent visit to Ghana.



Chief of Air Staff Air Vice Marshal Maxwell Mantserbi-Tei Nagai

As Air Vice Marshal Maxwell Mantserbi-Tei Nagai, current Chief of the Air Staff of the Ghana Air Force (GAF) said, “our primary role is support of the army and the navy. Next to that we assist with governmental issues, like disaster management. We also support the police and Ghana Gas as well. But our main role is support of the army with troop transport, airborne forces, paratropping, fighter ground attack and close air support with helicopters. We also carry out aerial photography, air transport of the yield from gold mines in middle of the country and transport of personnel and logistics of the Electoral Commission during elections”.

Accra

Accra is the main airbase of the GAF, where two of the recently acquired C.295s are flying with the Communication squadron, having replaced the venerable Fokker F.27s. These aircraft have been put through the test

in Mali, where Ghanaian Forces played a major role in the United Nations mission MINUSMA. However, a terrorist attack at

Gao in 2016, damaging a C.295, put an end to that deployment, but the damaged aircraft is operational again.



Mi-171 flying the Ghanaian flag (via GAF)