

“Eight Pursoots” over Hellas

IAF’s No. 8 Squadron at exercise Iniochos 2025



On 11 April 2025, the multinational exercise Iniochos 2025 concluded; the exercise commenced on 31 March 2025. The main hosting unit was the 117 Combat Wing, Andravida Air Base, from where nearly all the fighter aircraft of the foreign contingents operated, while the majority of the Hellenic Air Force (HAF) fighter jets operated from the 116 Combat Wing, Araxos Air Base. The exception to the rule were the US Air Force (USAF) aerial refuelling tanker aircraft and HAF support units, that operated from the 112 Combat Wing, Elefsina Air Base and 115 Combat Wing, Souda Air Base. Additionally, units from the Hellenic Army, the Hellenic Navy and the Special Warfare Command contributed significantly to the operational scenarios. An increasing number of missions were carried out using the tactical simulators of the Operational Synthetic Training Squadron of the Hellenic

Air Force Air Tactics Training Centre (KEAT), expanding the exercise into the digital world of the 21st Century.

The scenario of the exercise was the classic Blue-land vs Red-land. Red-land invaded a strategically important Blue-land territory, occupying coastal areas. The scenario evolved into a full spectrum conflict in multiple domains including: Tactical Ballistic Missile Threats, Advanced Integrated Air Defence Systems, Electronic Warfare, Cyber Warfare, Hybrid Threats in Land and Maritime Environments etc. During these scenarios, a wide range of missions were trained. These comprised Offensive Counter Air Operations, Defensive Counter Air Operations, Strategic Air Operations, Air Power Contribution to Counter-Land Operations, Air Power Contribution to Maritime Operations, Reconnaissance Missions, Combat Search and Rescue, Time Sensitive Target and High