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Scorpene submarine KD Tun Razak leaves France for Malaysia

Press Release

KD Tun Razak, the second of two Scorpene-type submarines for the Royal Malaysian Navy, leaved Toulon, France, on Friday 30 April 2010, for the port of Lumut in Malaysia before going on to its base at Kota Kinabalu on Borneo island.

The crossing from Toulon to Lumut is expected to take about two months and will include several ports of call.

Following the two-month crossing, KD Tun Razak will undergo scheduled maintenance in Malaysia and tropical climate sea trials.

The contract between the Malaysian government and DCNS for two Scorpene submarines and associated logistics and training was signed in June 2002.

With a displacement of 1,550 tonnes for a length overall of 67.5 metres, each boat requires a crew of just 31 and offers an endurance of 45 days.

This programme demonstrates DCNS's know-how as a leading prime contractor for sophisticated warship programmes. With ten units ordered (two for Chile, two for Malaysia and six for India), Scorpene is an international benchmark in SSK design.

The Scorpene was designed by DCNS and developed jointly by DCNS and Spanish naval shipbuilder Navantia. The design features a range of advanced technologies – particularly in hydrodynamics, acoustic discretion and automation – drawing on state-of-the-art innovations developed for other submarine programmes.

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