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Pakistan Obtains C-130s

The Pakistani air force is nearly doubling its holdings of transport aircraft with the acquisition of four US-built C-130s from Iran. Islamabad had been negotiating with Iran for more transports for over a year and finally signed a contract on Saturday.

During the war with India in 1971, the Pakistani armed forces had to make extensive use of civilian aircraft to ferry troops to the east. The new additions will not eliminate Pakistan's need to mobilize its civilian transports in an emergency.