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Royal Australian Air Force F-35A aircraft touch down in Brunei for the first time

On 30 August 2025, two Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) F-35A Lightning II aircraft, accompanied by a RAAF KC-30A Multi-Role Tanker Transport, landed in Brunei Darussalam for the first time, marking a significant milestone in the defence relationship between the two nations.

High Commissioner Michael Hoy said that “the Australia and Brunei Darussalam defence relationship is a cornerstone of our Comprehensive Partnership”.

The F-35A visit highlights the RAAF’s continued contribution to regional peace and security and its dedication to strengthening ties with close regional partners such as Brunei.

“Seeing our F-35As up close and greeting the talented RAAF pilots and support crew reminds us of their dedication and professionalism. We’re pleased our RAAF colleagues had the chance to meet counterparts from the Royal Brunei Armed Forces, and exchange views while inspecting these impressive aircraft”, said High Commissioner Hoy.

Australia and Brunei continue to work closely across a range of defence and security initiatives, and this milestone reaffirms the enduring bonds of trust, respect, and shared strategic interests.

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Image 1: Commander Air Combat Group, Air Commodore Pete Robinson (Right), conducts a static tour of a Royal Australian Air Force F-35A Lightning II aircraft with Royal Brunei Air Force pilot, Lieutenant Sheikh Wafiq Bin Sheikh Mansor, during a visit to Brunei Darussalam.

Image 2: Commander Air Combat Group, Air Commodore Pete Robinson (Left), conducts a static tour of a Royal Australian Air Force F-35A aircraft with Head of Command and Staff College Defence Academy, Royal Brunei Armed Forces, Lieutenant Colonel Awang Amiruddin Bin Haji Awang Tuah, during a visit to Brunei Darussalam.

Image 3: Members from the Royal Australian Air Force and Royal Brunei Armed Forces during No. 77 Squadron's visit to Brunei Darussalam.

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