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US to deliver 62 helicopters to Afghan Air Force

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The Ministry of Defense (MoD) officials have said the Air Force of Afghanistan is expecting to receive additional 62 helicopters from United States.

MoD spokesman, Gen. Zahir Azimi said Wednesday that the delivery of helicopters is part of an agreement between the United States and the Ministry of Defense (MoD) to rebuild and make the air force self-sufficient by the end of 2016 and beginning of 2017.

Gen. Azimi further added that the delivery of the helicopters is expected to begin by the end of this year and will be completed within one year.

He said the United States will also deliver combat aircraft to Afghan Air Force which will include A-29 Super Tucano.

The A-29 Super Tucano is a robust, relatively powerful turboprop aircraft developed from the Shorts/Embraer Tucano training aircraft. The A-29s mission can include close air support (CAS) and intelligence, surveillance, counter-insurgency (COIN) and reconnaissance.

The first US-produced A-29 Super Tucano was rolled out by Sierra Nevada Corp (SNC) and Embraer at a ceremony held in late September.