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PIRIOU delivers the second OPV NIANI to the Senegalese Armed Forces

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Vincent Faujour and El Hadji Omar Youm in front of a model of the Walo © PIRIOU

PIRIOU delivered this day the second unit of the OPV 58 S class vessel program for the Senegalese Navy, in the presence of Mr Oumar Youm - Minister of the Armed Forces of Senegal, His Excellency the Ambassador of Senegal in France El Hadji i Magatte Seye, Admiral Oumar Wade - Private Chief of Staff of the President of the Republic of Senegal and Admiral Abdou Sene - Chief of Staff of the Senegalese Navy.

The contract, signed in November 2019, covered the acquisition of three offshore patrol vessels. After the WALO, delivered last June, and while the CAYOR is being fitted out in Concarneau, the NIANI is now flying the Senegalese flag.

The handover ceremony was an opportunity for Vincent Faujour to warmly thank the new Minister of the Armed Forces, Mr Oumar Youm, for having done him the honour of choosing Concarneau for his first official visit to France. "You have played a major role in this partnership, which bears witness to the long-standing military cooperation between our two nations," he said, pointing out that he and Admiral Wade had been involved in the project from the outset. He also welcomed the presence of Fodé Sylla, Senegal's ambassador-at-large, former Member of the European Parliament and former President of SOS Racisme, as well as the presence of Admiral Cyril Palfray Aubin de Jaurias, Commander of the Brest-Lorient defence base, and Lysiane Métayer, Member of the National Defence and Armed Forces Committee of The French National Assembly.

Expressing his gratitude for their confidence, the President of the PIRIOU Group said that "the Senegal program has strengthened PIRIOU's position as a major player in the construction of armed vessels, opening up new perspectives both for the Group and for Kership, the industrial prime contractor for the program.

The President of PIRIOU was also keen to pay tribute to the commitment of the teams working to ensure that this program runs as efficiently as possible. The NIANI will join, ahead of schedule, the first of the series, the WALO, celebrated in Dakar last August in the presence of His Excellency President



Maky Sall. Measuring the responsibility placed on the Senegalese Navy, he reaffirmed: "We are fully aware of the imperative need to guarantee the highest level of quality and availability of your ships. We are working on this, here in Concarneau, but also in Dakar."

Mr Omar Youm stated that *"the acquisition of three offshore patrol vessels is an excellent demonstration of the significant investments made by the State of Senegal, at the initiative of His Excellency Mr Macky SALL, President of the Republic and Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces. The WALO has made a definite added value in the field of maritime surveillance in depth and the acquisition of information of maritime interest. {It} has participated steadily in maritime border surveillance operations, the protection of offshore oil and gas installations, fisheries surveillance and, above all, the fight against illegal emigration.*

The entry into service of the NIANI will undoubtedly help to strengthen the permanent security posture of the naval forces, of which the 58 S OPVs are the backbone."

The OPV 58 S: a 62 m offshore patrol vessel

The OPV 58 S (Offshore Patrol Vessel) is a remarkably multi-purpose 62-metre patrol vessel. Robust and long-lasting, it is dedicated to surveillance, identification, and intervention missions, perfectly suited to the variety of missions related to law enforcement. In addition to its projection capabilities (commando boats), it has a first-rate deterrence capability thanks to its anti-surface and anti-aircraft weapons systems.

Among innovations and major capacities, the vessel features:

- A versatile design to adapt to various missions
- A large panoramic bridge with 360° visibility
- A fast launching and recovery system for 2 RHIBs on the stern ramp
- A C-Sharp® hull for optimized autonomy and seakeeping
- A high-performance monitoring and combat system

These OPVs are equipped with MARTE MK2/N anti-ship missiles offering over 30 kilometers range of strike and a fire-and-forget capability that will enable the Senegalese Navy to enforce its superiority. Immediate protection for the patrol vessels is provided by the SIMBAD-RC system, which can deploy two MISTRAL missiles, providing effective defence capability against anti-ship missiles, combat aircraft, UAVs, helicopters, and fast craft such as FIACs. All these missiles are produced by MBDA.

Key features

Overall length: 62.20 m
Breadth: 9.50 m
Draught (approx.): 3.00 m
Speed: 21 kts
Autonomy: 21 days, 4,500 Nq at 12 Nds

Hull / superstructure: steel / aluminum
Accommodation capacity: 48 crew
- Including crew members: 36
- including mission personnel: 12
Intervention: 2 boats on stern ramps
Container capacity: 2 x 20'

About PIRIOU group

PIRIOU is France's leading independent private shipbuilding and repair group. Founded in 1965 and specialized in shipbuilding, ship repair, naval engineering, and associated services, PIRIOU builds high value-added vessels up to 120m in length, thanks to its high-performance integrated engineering and its sites in Europe, Africa, and Asia. With nearly 600 ships built and delivered worldwide, PIRIOU offers customized solutions and a complete range of ships to meet the needs of international private and public, civil, and military shipowners. PIRIOU has also demonstrated its ability to innovate and to contribute to the decarbonization of maritime transport with the introduction of wind propulsion, fuel cells and hybrid ships. www.piriou.com

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