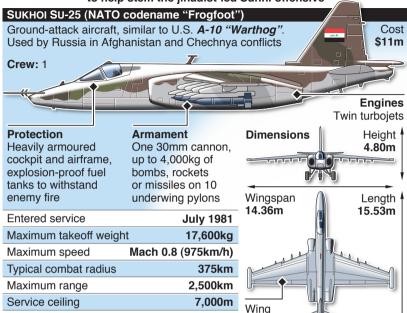
Russian jets join fight against Iraqi rebels

With deliveries of new U.S. jets and helicopters slow to arrive, Iraq's government is bolstering its air force with Russian attack aircraft to help stem the iihadist-led Sunni offensive



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REBUILDING IRAQ'S AIR FORCE

Rate of climb

Russia: Sending 12 second-hand Su-25 iets to Iraq. Also fulfilling

contract to supply 40 Mi-28 / Mi-35 attack helicopters, along with air defence systems. MiG-29 fighters among other possible purchases



delivered so far

aircraft. Only one F-16



area 33.7 sq m



12 L-159 attack aircraft



Iran: Reportedly making preparations to return some Iraqi warplanes

that fled to Iranian airbases to escape destruction in 1991 Gulf War. Aircraft include 24 French Mirage F1

fighters and 80 Russian jets

Sources: Jane's Information Group, wire agencies

Mi-35