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The statement is likely to sharpen the debate within France 's military establishment over the Rafale , which is made by Avions Marcel Dassault-Breguet Aviation SA q:i-h-h n_of:x-i _ a:e-h _ v_cause:e-i-p q:i-h-h n:x p:e-u-i named:x-c _ a:e-p _ n_of:x-i _ p:e-u-i q:i-h-h named:x-c _ _ _ v:e-i-p-u _ named:x-c _ named:
The air force is to take at least 250 more q:i-h-h n:x n:x _ v:e-i-p-u a:e-e a:e-e card:i-i-c much-many_a:e-i _
      Adm. Goupil said the navy ca n't wait until 1998 , when the naval Rafale becomes available , to replace its obsolete fleet of American-made Crusaders , used since the 1950s to protect carriers from attack n:x named:x-c v_to:e-i-h-i q:i-h-h n:x neg:e-h neg:e-h v:e-i-h p:e-u-i yofc:x-c _ q:i-h-h a:e-p named:x-c v_ici-i-h a:e-i _ v_with:e-i-p q:i-h-h a:e-p n:x p:e-x-i v:e-i-p-u named:x-c v_ve-i-i-h p:e-u-i q:i-h-h year_range:x-c _ v:e-i-p n_of:x-i p:e-u-i n:x
                                                  , the statement is n't an attack on the Rafale q:i-h-h n_of:x-i v_id:e-p-i v_id:e-p-i q:i-h-h n:x p:e-u-i q:i-h-h named:x-c
                                                                                     y , senior navy officials sharply criticize the Rafale as an air force plane ill-suited to carrier use .

a:e-p n:x n:x a:e-e v_for-as:e-i-p-i q:i-h-h named:x-c _ q:i-h-h n:x n:x n:x v:e-i-p p:e-u-i n_of:x-i _
      Although they never said so publicly , they have made no secret of their preference for the F-18 on operational grounds x:e-h-h pron:x a:e-h v_to:e-i-h-i _ a:e-e _ pron:x _ v:e-i-p-u q:i-h-h n:x p:e-x-i q:i-h-h n_for:x-i _ q:i-h-h named:x-c p:e-u-i a:e-p n:x
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  So far , Mr. Dassault has resisted pressure to change compre-u-u a:e-e , n:x named:x-c , v:e-i-p n:x-h , v:e-i
  [21429015]
      What brought the naval issue to a head is that the Crusaders are literally falling apart , without any immediate plan to replace them thing:x v:e-i-p-h q:i-h-h a:e-p n:x p:e-u-i q:i-h-h n_of:x v_nv:e-i-p pron:x
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        Adm. Goupil , a former Crusader squadron leader , said that the last other country to use Crusaders , the Philippines , named:x-c | q:i-h-h | a:e-p | named:x-c | 
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  A French Crusader crash a few months ago heightened pressure for new planes here q:i-h-h a:e-p named:x-c n:x a:e-p a:e-p n:x p:e-i-u v_cause:e-i-p n:x p:e-u-i a:e-p n:x place_n:x
   Even modernized , he said , the Crusaders represent an obsolete and dangerous protection for the aircraft carriers France has sent to meet such crises as the wars in Lebanon and the Persian Gulf are-e v.e-i-p _ pron:x v_to:e-i-h-i _ q:i-h-h named:x-c _ v:e-i-p q:i-h-h named:x-c _ q:i-h
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