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1/144 MiG-21 LanceR-C Romanian AF 6487 & 6840

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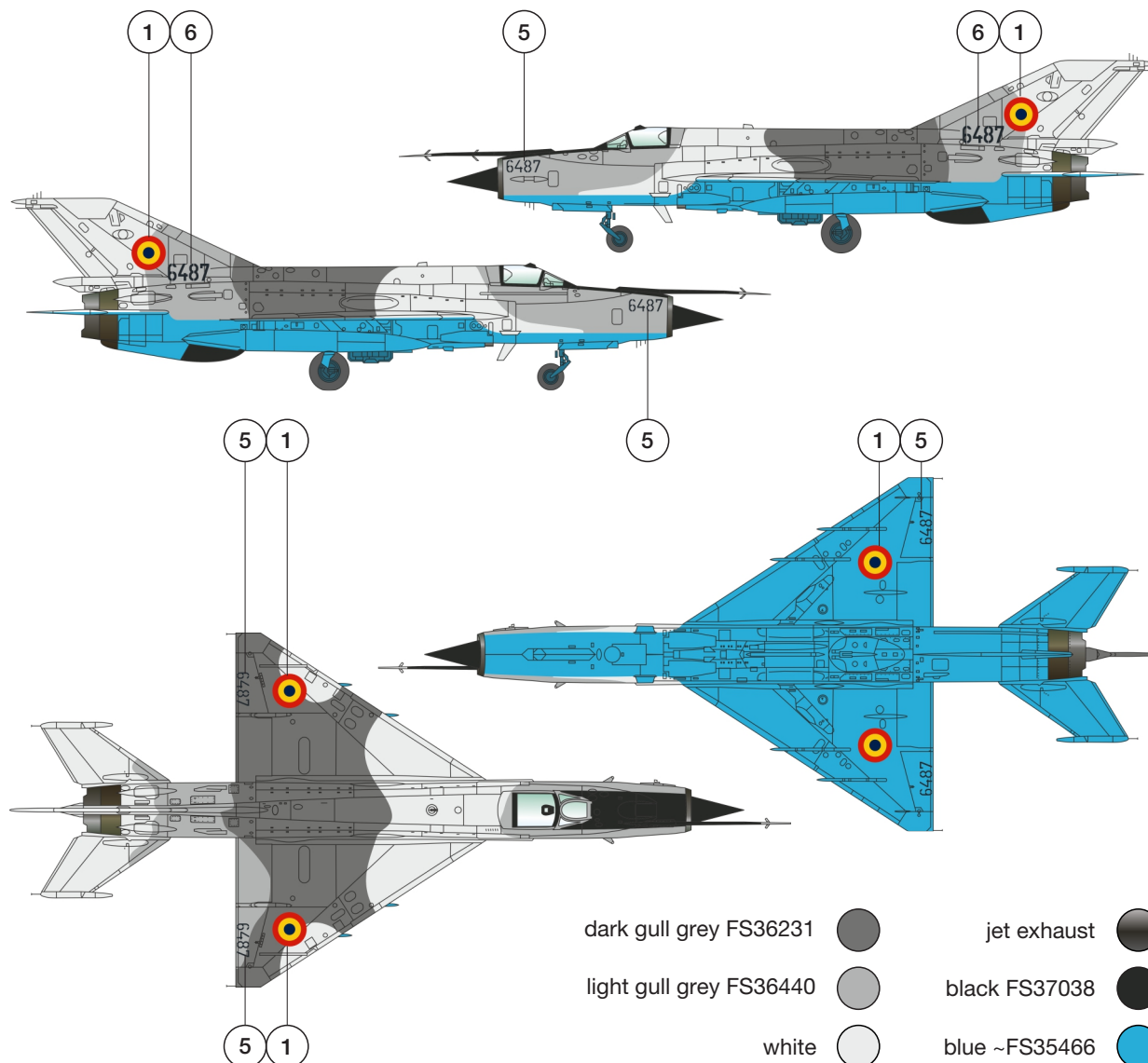
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Once it was much easier to spot a MiG-21 on Eastern Europe sky than a real bird. Now it is only Croatia, Serbia and Romania who is left operating this machine in Europe.

Romanian Air Force use aircraft built in 70s, modernized at the turn of the century - the MiGs-21MF-75 LanceR. There are three versions of the LanceR: A is for ground attack, B is trainer, and C is fighter. This set is about the fighter.

6487 was chosen because I liked the font. A proper stencil-painted id-number. Like the olden days. It was a refreshment from the deformed unfortunate Arial-spawned numbers seen on many airplanes of smaller air forces in recent years. Bear in mind this is how 6487 appeared in 2012. It has been repainted since then, now sporting an orange-yellow squadron badges and green tailfin antenna, but the charm of the new livery is lost on me.

Still what remains is the rather striking RoAF paint scheme: three (out of fifty) shades of grey on upper surfaces contrasting with wildly vivid blue undersides. A camouflage has to have its purpose. It would seem that they get a lot of blue sky down there in Romania, but the terrain below this sky remains rather misty at the same time. Beats me.



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6840 was at the roots of this decal set. Photos from 2014 and 2016 show this machine with picturesque wear to its paintjob and insignia. Provided here are worn-out roundels, the rest of the work with weathering remains in skilled hands of modeller.

MiG-21MF LanceR-C 6840 of 711th Fighter Squadron, stationed at 71th Air Base (Baza 71 Aeriană), located near the town of Câmpia Turzii, in Cluj County, Romania.

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