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RMN RECEIVES FIRST SUPER LYNX 300

LANGKAWI, Sept 30 (Bernama) -- A European aircraft manufacturer, Agusta Westland, today officially handed over the maritime offensive helicopter "Super Lynx 300" to the Royal Malaysian Navy (RMN) here.

The high-tech helicopter, the first of six ordered by the RMN at a total cost of RM700 million, was handed over at a signing ceremony between the Controller of the Royal British Navy, Nigel Guild, and RMN Chief Laksamana Datuk Mohd Anwar Mohd Nor.

Also present at the ceremony, held in conjunction with the Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace (LIMA) exhibition here, were Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Defence Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

The Super Lynx 300, the most modern offensive helicopter in its class, will be piloted by Lt Komander Ajazi Jamaluddin and assisted by technical officer Lt Zamri Ismail.

The Super Lynx 300, equipped with digital glass cockpit, 360-degree scan radar, electronic support measures and forward-looking infra red for night operations, are expected to run from the RMN's F200 frigates like KD Lekir and KD Lekiu.

The helicopters, with a maximum speed of 175 knots, will also be equipped with high-tech weapons, including the guided missile "Sea Skua", and torpedoes.

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