

Malaysian airline company signs offshore helicopter service contract worth RM2 billion

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Weststar Aviation Services Sdn Bhd, a subsidiary of Weststar Group, has signed a seven-year agreement worth RM2 billion with Thailand Oil and Gas company, PTT Exploration and Production, for offshore helicopter services.

Weststar Group Managing Director Tan Sri Syed Azman Syed Ibrahim said along with its Thailand-based partner, United Offshore Aviation, the offshore operations was a big step in their efforts to strengthen the offshore global aviation industry.

"The agreement, which marks the beginning of the first regional operations in Southeast Asia, comes with the option of a two-year extension," he said in a statement.

Six Agusta Westland AW139 helicopters and 140 employees will be engaged in the operations in Songkhla, south Thailand.

Weststar currently has service contracts totaling RM8 billion and also owns the world's largest fleet of offshore helicopters. –

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