

## **Weststar buys five Leonardo helicopters worth RM229 mln**

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LANGKAWI, March 27 (Bernama) -- Regional offshore helicopter transportation services provider Weststar Aviation Services has signed a contract with Italian aerospace, defence and security company Leonardo to purchase five helicopters worth 50 million euro (approximately RM229.68 million).

Group managing director Tan Sri Syed Azman Syed Ibrahim said the helicopters are meant for offshore operations in West Africa and the Middle East.

"This procurement further strengthens the partnership between Weststar Aviation Services and Leonardo and is a key factor in the company's overseas business expansion," he said at the signing ceremony witnessed by Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad here today.

The ceremony was held in conjunction with the Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace 2019 (LIMA'19) exhibition which began yesterday until March 30 at the Mahsuri International Exhibition Centre and Resort World Langkawi.

Since commencing operation in 2003, Weststar Aviation Services has grown to become one global leaders in offshore helicopters and currently operating 33 helicopters out of it bases in Malaysia, Thailand and Indonesia.

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