
Weststar buys eight new choppers

KUALA LUMPUR: Weststar Aviation Services Sdn Bhd has signed with AgustaWestland to acquire eight new helicopters worth RM550 million — six units of AgustaWestland AW139 and two units of the AW189 model. Weststar Group managing director Tan Sri Syed Azman Syed Ibrahim said: “The purchase of the additional AgustaWestland helicopters is to support our overseas expansion in Africa, South America and the

Middle East.” The company secured its first major international contract in early 2013 with Tullow Oil in Mauritania, Africa. Weststar is currently the largest offshore aviation services operator in Southeast Asia with contracts totalling RM6 billion. The company services a number of major oil and gas clients, including Petronas and ExxonMobil, and possesses a total of 24 offshore helicopters in service. — Bernama
