

Weststar is main contractor for air defence project

KUALA LUMPUR: Weststar Group has been appointed the main contractor for Malaysia's Defence Ministry (Mindef) procurement of the STARStreak Very Short Range Air Defence (VSHORAD) system from Thales Air Defence Ltd UK.

Weststar group managing director, Tan Sri Syed Azman, said the deal involved Mindef upgrading its existing missile defence system by capitalising on the trade-in opportunity for the previous Starburst missiles with the much-improved Starstreak missiles. "This has enabled Mindef to realise substantial savings in the process," he said in a statement. Weststar said the Malaysian defence industry would also benefit through the offset programme offered by Thales, including the transfer of technology. — Bernama