

UK firm appoints Global Komited as air defence systems distributor

KUALA LUMPUR: Global Komited Sdn Bhd, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Weststar Group, has been appointed by Thales UK to promote, market and distribute a range of ground-based air defence systems to the Malaysian Armed Forces.

The collaboration involves the development, promotion, marketing and distribution of various ground-based air defence systems.

The agreement was signed on the first day of the Defence Services Asia Exhibition and Conference in Kuala Lumpur yesterday, witnessed by Defence Minister Datuk Seri

Hishamuddin Tun Hussein.

Weststar Group managing director Tan Sri Syed Azman Syed Ibrahim said the agreement did not only involve business transactions between two parties but also covered the transfer of technology and knowledge on ground-based air defence systems.

Syed Azman said Weststar would be showcasing several vehicles that focused on different aspects of applications for defence and security during the exhibition.

The flagship vehicle, the GK-M1, highlights a new application where-

by a lightweight multiple missile launcher may be mounted onto the vehicle with STAR Streak missile installed within the launcher.

Syed Azman explained that the STAR Streak Missile technology represented the latest development from Thales' Belfast-based activity on ground-based air defence systems.

It would enable the Malaysian Armed Forces, particularly the Royal Malaysian Air Force, to replace the previously commissioned Starburst Missile system that was incorporated years ago, Syed Azman added.