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Thales sign agreement to supply two new air defence system to Malaysian Armed Forces

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KUALA LUMPUR: Global technology leader for Aerospace, Transport, Defence and Security markets, Thales yesterday announced that it has signed a contract with a company within The Weststar Group named Global Komited to supply the Malaysian Armed Forces with two new air defence system missiles named ForceSHIELD and STARStreak.

Thales announced it during the Defence and Security Equipment International (DSEI) exhibition in London Docklands.

According to its media release issued by France multinational company, it said in addition to the STARStreak missiles, the system comprises CONTROLMaster 200 radar and weapon coordination systems, RAPIDRanger and RAPIDRover mobile weapon systems, the Next Generation Lightweight Multiple Launcher and associated communications.

"The purchase of ForceSHIELD will enable the Malaysian Armed Forces to replace and enhance the previously commissioned Thales STARBurst missile system, which has been in service since the mid 90s.

"The STARStreak missile utilises the proven principle of 'high velocity' to defeat threats with short unmasking time. The three-dart configuration maximises lethality and the highly accurate laser beam riding guidance enables engagement of small signature targets," it said.

Meanwhile, in the same statement, its chief executive officer Victor Chavez said he was delighted that another country like Malaysia has decided to purchase ForceSHIELD as it will provide a world class, cutting edge capability. – *Bernama*