Royal Thai Air Force adds two Airbus H225 helicopters

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Marignane, France, 26 September 2025 – Airbus Helicopters has signed a contract with the Royal Thai Air Force (RTAF) for two H225 multi-role helicopters. These new aircraft will significantly enhance the RTAF's capabilities in vital search and rescue (SAR) and emergency medical services (EMS) operations, reinforcing their commitment to national security and humanitarian support.

This latest acquisition expands the RTAF's existing fleet of H225Ms, which have been serving with distinction since their first delivery in 2015. These robust helicopters are currently deployed in a wide range of critical missions, including combat search and rescue (CSAR), general search and rescue flights, and troop transport operations. The RTAF also operates a fleet of H135 military training helicopters, underscoring its long-standing partnership with Airbus. The completion work for these new H225s will be performed by Thai Aviation Industries (TAI) through its established partnership with Airbus Helicopters, ensuring seamless integration and local expertise.

"The H225M has proven to be an indispensable asset to our operations over the past decade, delivering exceptional performance and reliability across diverse and challenging missions," said RTAF's Air Chief Marshal Punpakdee Pattanakul. "The addition of these two new helicopters, specifically designated for SAR and EMS, will further strengthen our ability to protect and serve the people of Thailand, ensuring we can respond effectively to emergencies wherever they may arise."

"We are deeply honoured by the continued trust the Royal Thai Air Force places in our H225 helicopters," said Olivier Michalon, Executive Vice President of Global Business at Airbus Helicopters. "This follow-on order is a testament to the H225's versatility, advanced capabilities, and its critical role in supporting national defence and public service missions. We are proud to continue our strong partnership with the RTAF, ensuring they have the best tools for their vital work."

There are more than 360 H225s and H225Ms in service around the world, totaling close to 980,000 flight hours. Military customers include France, the Netherlands, Hungary, Brazil, Mexico, Singapore,Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Iraq and Kuwait.

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