

MD Helicopters Reaffirms OEM Support Commitment to Saudi Arabia Ministry of National Guard MD 530F Fleet

Mesa, Arizona – May 15, 2026 – MD Helicopters (MDH), the original equipment manufacturer (OEM) of the MD 530F, has reaffirmed its long-term commitment to supporting the Saudi Arabia Ministry of National Guard (SANG) through a renewed Aviation Support Program Services (ASPS) contract for the Kingdom’s fleet of 12 MD 530F training helicopters.

The multi-year Foreign Military Sales (FMS) agreement expands MDH’s direct sustainment role supporting the fleet and includes comprehensive program management, engineering support, spare parts supply, repair and overhaul services, and field service support. The contract builds upon MDH’s established technical and logistical support relationship with SANG and further strengthens the company’s position as the primary source of OEM expertise and lifecycle support for the aircraft.

In addition to supporting SANG’s MD 530F training fleet, this redefined ASPS contract expands MDH’s material support capabilities to additional foreign military customers operating MD platforms within the region. Under the FMS agreement, MDH is providing spare parts support and repair services to multiple regional operators, improving fleet readiness and sustainment responsiveness through direct OEM access. This same high-quality, factory-backed support is available worldwide to any qualifying customer through the FMS process, offering a proven pathway for international operators to access OEM sustainment for their MD fleets.

As the aircraft manufacturer, MDH provides the engineering authority, technical data, supply chain access, and platform knowledge required to sustain and optimize operational readiness across the MD fleet. Through the ASPS program, MDH personnel work directly alongside operators and maintainers to deliver responsive support tailored to mission and training requirements.

“Effective sustainment begins with OEM knowledge and direct platform expertise,” said Ryan Weeks, President of MD Helicopters. *“This contract reflects MD Helicopters’ continued commitment to providing customers in the region with the engineering, logistics, and field support necessary to maintain high aircraft availability and long-term operational success.”*



Relationships Over Transactions

For MDH, sustainment is not a transaction. It is a relationship built over decades of shared mission experience with the operators who fly MD aircraft. The renewed ASPS agreement with SANG reflects that philosophy. Rather than approaching customer support as a series of discrete deliverables, MDH invests in long-term partnerships that prioritize trust, accountability, and direct engagement at every level of the program.

That commitment shows up in how MDH works. Engineers, program managers, and field service representatives become extensions of the customer's team, working side by side with operators and maintainers to solve problems, anticipate needs, and adapt support to evolving mission requirements. It is a model rooted in the belief that the operators who depend on MD aircraft deserve more than a vendor. They deserve a partner who stands behind the platform for the full life of the fleet.

“Our customers are not contracts. They are partners we have stood beside for decades, and in many cases, generations,” said Ryan Weeks. *“Whether we are supporting a training fleet in the Kingdom or a law enforcement operator stateside, the same principle applies. We are committed to the people behind the aircraft, and that is what shapes every decision we make in how we deliver support.”*

An FMS Pathway for Global MD Operators

The ASPS contract structure offers a scalable framework that other foreign military operators of MD platforms can leverage through the FMS process. With several international fleets currently operating MD aircraft worldwide, the contract serves as a model for how allied nations can access direct OEM sustainment, spare parts, and engineering support without standing up independent supply chains. MDH works closely with the U.S. Government and partner nations to extend ASPS-style support to qualifying operators seeking factory-backed lifecycle solutions.

The agreement includes:

- Program management and sustainment coordination
- Engineering and technical support
- OEM spare parts support and supply chain management
- Repair and overhaul services
- On-site field service representation and maintenance support

MDH's integrated sustainment approach is designed to reduce downtime, improve maintenance efficiency, and ensure operators have direct access to factory-backed technical support and engineering resources.



The MD 530F is widely recognized for its performance in hot-and-high environments, operational agility, and low lifecycle costs, making it a proven platform for military training missions worldwide. MDH continues to support global military operators through OEM-backed sustainment programs focused on readiness, reliability, and long-term fleet performance.

SANG has operated MD helicopter platforms for decades, and the continued partnership underscores the importance of direct OEM involvement in maintaining fleet readiness and mission capability. The expanded regional support scope also reflects growing demand for OEM-backed sustainment solutions across international MD operator fleets, with the FMS framework providing a clear and proven pathway for additional foreign partners to join.

About MD Helicopters

MD Helicopters, LLC is a leading manufacturer of high-performance rotorcraft for military, commercial, law enforcement, and utility missions worldwide. As the OEM for the MD 530F platform, MDH delivers factory-backed engineering, sustainment, modernization, and aftermarket support solutions to operators across the globe. The company remains focused on providing responsive customer support, mission-ready aircraft solutions, and long-term fleet sustainment capabilities.

