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LANGKAWI, March 28 (Bernama) -- The Rafale International's collaborations with industries and universities proves its commitment to contribute towards the development of Malaysia's capabilities in the global aerospace industry's supply chain. The company said with more than 10 ongoing collaborations reflected Rafale's long-term commitment to Malaysia. "The company is not waiting for the signing of the fighter jet contract with Malaysia before starting the collaborations," it said in a statement. Rafale, a joint-venture company comprising aerospace leaders -- Dassault Aviation, Snecma (Safran Group) and Thales -- is bidding to offer its jet fighters to the Royal Malaysian Air Force for the MiG-29N Russian-made jet fighters' replacement programme. Dassault Aviation and Rafale International Chief Executive Officer Eric Trappier said human capital and technological development was a primary concern for Rafale to ensure the success of the transfer of acquired technology and co-development of future technologies. "Rafale is focused on developing long-term strategic partnerships that are sustainable and projects that contribute towards the development of human capital in the country. "We believe in planning, commitment and investment as the key driver of our relationship with Malaysia," he added. The group, which developed the true multi-role fighter jet, has a dedicated cooperation team that is continuously hard at work to identify new partners and work with local organisations and bodies. It has established collaborations with Majlis Amanah Rakyat (MARA) and Strand Aerospace Malaysia Sdn Bhd. Rafale is also working closely with CTRM Group and its subsidiaries, Zetro Aerospace, Universiti Kuala Lumpur, Universiti Teknologi Mara, Malaysian Investment Development Authority, Malaysian Industry-Government Group for High Technology (MIGHT), Malaysian External Trade Development Corporation (Matrade) and SME Corp. "There are also new agreements in the pipeline, which the group expects to ratify in the coming weeks," the company said.