Biden to ask for approval for \$1.1bn arms sale to Taiwan



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Washington, August 30 (RHC)--U.S. President Joe Biden will ask Congress to approve \$1.1 billion in arms sales to Taiwan, including 60 anti-ship missiles and 100 air-to-air missiles.

That's according to Politico, which reports the weapons deal will include 60 Harpoon anti-ship missiles and 100 air-to-air missiles for Taiwan's U.S.-made F-16 fighter jets.

The planned weapons sales come after China staged large-scale military war games around Taiwan in response to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's visit to the island.

On Sunday, the US said it had sent two of its warships through the strait in a "freedom of navigation" exercise.

Once the Biden administration formalizes the notification, the deal will need approval from the foreign affairs committees of Congress. The legislators are expected to approve the sale, Politico said.

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