

# *Washington approves \$510 million arms deal for Israel amid Gaza genocide and U.S. ceasefire push*

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Washington, July 3 (RHC)-- The U.S. government has approved a \$510 million weapons sale to the Israeli regime, reinforcing Washington's military backing as the regime's genocide in Gaza reaches its 21st month.

The sale, approved on June 30, includes over 7,000 Joint Direct Attack Munition (JDAM) guidance kits — 3,845 KMU-558B/B kits for the BLU-109 bomb body, and 3,280 KMU-572 F/B kits for the MK-82 bomb body.

Additionally, the agreement covers technical support, engineering assistance, and logistics services provided by the US government.

The U.S. State Department stated that the arms transfer is intended to "assist Israel to develop and maintain a strong and ready [military] capability," calling it "vital to U.S. national security interests."

The arms deal was approved through the Foreign Military Sales program and officially notified to Congress on Monday.

Boeing serves as the primary contractor, with a portion of the order likely sourced from existing U.S. military inventories. The U.S. government claimed that the sale "will not alter the basic military balance in the region."

In February, the U.S. State Department announced the approval of the sale of more than \$7.4 billion in weapons to Israel, which has used lethal American weapons in its genocidal war on Gaza. These included thousands of MK 84 bombs, penetrator warheads, and Caterpillar D9 bulldozers.

"The United States is committed to the security of Israel, and it is vital to US national interests to assist Israel," the U.S. Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA) said in a statement.

On May 27, Tel Aviv reported receiving more than 90,000 tons of American military equipment over 600 days, with the latest shipments marking the 800th delivery. Israel stated that these arms have played a "key role" in its Gaza operations.

Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu praised the U.S. president earlier this year, declaring: "Donald Trump is the greatest friend that Israel has ever had in the White House. He's shown it by sending us all the munitions that were being held up."

Since October 7, 2023, when the Israeli regime began its campaign of genocide in Gaza, it has killed at least 56,674 Palestinians and wounded 134,105, according to Gaza's health ministry.

Despite increasing international criticism over the regime's heinous crimes in Gaza, the U.S. continues to provide military support to Israel and ignores warnings that such transfers make it complicit in the war and further destruction in the territory.

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