

U.S.-Saudi Arabia Seal Weapons Deal Worth \$110 Billion



Riyadh, May 20 (RHC)-- U.S. President Donald Trump has closed an arms deal with Saudi Arabia worth almost \$110 billion, and extending up to \$350 billion over 10 years.

The U.S. president arrived on Saturday in Riyadh, the Saudi capital, on the first stop of a nine-day international tour. Trump was received like visiting royalty, as his debut on the world stage competed for attention at home with ongoing news of scandals encircling his presidency.

In a series of official arrival ceremonies — at the airport and the Royal Court palace — Trump, his wife, Melania, and an entourage including virtually his entire senior White House staff and much of his Cabinet, were serenaded by military bands, treated to a flyover of Saudi jets, feted in opulent palaces and given the undivided attention of King Salman, the ruler of the ultra-conservative Muslim nation.

The military deal signed with the United States includes a \$6 billion contract to assemble 150 Lockheed Martin Blackhawk helicopters in Saudi Arabia, and also includes a \$1 billion THAAD missile system and contract for four multi-mission warships worth \$11.5 billion, according to an unnamed official quoted in the media.



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