

U.S. presidential veto paves way for multi-billion-dollar weapons sales to Saudi Arabia and UAE



Washington, July 24 (RHC)-- U.S. President Donald Trump has vetoed three congressional resolutions halting the planned sales of weapons to Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

The vetoes came a week after the House of Representatives voted to block Trump's move to sidestep Congress by allowing the sale of \$8 billion worth of Raytheon precision-guided weapons systems.

Similar weapons have been used to target civilians in the Saudi-led war on Yemen, which has sparked the largest humanitarian crisis in the world. Opponents of the sales also point to Saudi Arabia's gross human rights abuses and the murder and dismemberment of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi at a Saudi Consulate in Turkey last year.

The U.S. Congress does not appear to have the two-thirds majority needed to override Donald Trump's vetoes.

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