

# PRESIDENT TRUMP EXPEDITES ARMS TO SAUDI ARABIA & THE UAE



## President Trump Bypasses Congress

At the end of May, the Trump Administration invoked an obscure emergency provision in the Arms Export Control Act to bypass a statutory 30-day Congressional review period and expedite arms sales to Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates. The President's move comes amidst growing bipartisan Congressional opposition to U.S. support for the brutal Saudi/UAE military campaign in Yemen, which recently led to an unprecedented bipartisan resolution to end U.S. support for the war effort. Lawmakers have introduced new measures to block the 22 separate sales which together amount to \$8.1B. We've identified 21 of those transactions (including one for Jordan). This factsheet illustrates the scale and nature of Foreign Military Sales (FMS) and Direct Commercial Sales (DCS) to Saudi Arabia and the UAE, weaponry that will likely make its way to the frontlines of the Yemeni conflict, described as the world's worst humanitarian crisis.

## Proposed U.S. Weapons Sales to Saudi Arabia and UAE Since the Emergency Declaration



\$130,000,000

Aircraft



\$1,152,000,000

Bombs and Missiles



\$1,000,000

Small Arms



\$150,000,000

Training

Foreign Military Sales

\$3,918,000,000

Direct Commercial Sales













>\$601,000,000\*

\*DCS notifications are based on threshold reporting amounts, so the exact dollar value is unclear. For this reason, DCS figures are significantly lower than their actual projected value, which together with FMS, should total \$8.1 B. Values will be updated when data becomes available.

# Foreign Military Sales Notifications to Saudi Arabia & the UAE in 2019

Country	Description	Notification \$ Amount
	Patriot Missile System and Related Support Equipment	\$2,728,000,000
	RQ-21A Blackjack Unmanned Air Vehicles	\$80,000,000
	Javelin Guided Missiles	\$102,000,000
	Advanced Precision Kill Weapon System	\$900,000,000
	Aircraft Follow-on Support and Services	\$800,000,000
	Continued Tactical Air Surveillance System Aircraft Support	\$136,000,000
	Aircraft Follow-on Support and Services	\$1,800,000,000
	Follow-On U.S. Marine Corps Training	\$100,000,000

## Direct Commercial Sales Notifications for Saudi Arabia & the UAE in 2019\*

Country	Description	Threshold \$ Amount
	.50 caliber semi-automatic rifles and sound suppressors to the UAE for end use by the General Headquarters, UAE Armed Forces	\$1,000,000
	120mm M933A1 mortar bombs to Saudi Arabia for end use by the Saudi Arabian Royal Land Forces	\$50,000,000
	To India, Saudi Arabia, Israel, and the Republic of Korea to support the manufacture, production, test, inspection, modification, enhancement, rework, and repair of F/A18E/F and derivative series aircraft panels	\$50,000,000
	To Saudi Arabia to provide technically qualified personnel to advise and assist the Royal Saudi Air Force (RSAF) in maintenance and training for the RSAF F-15 fleet of aircraft	\$50,000,000
Both	To Saudi Arabia and the UAE to support the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Ministry of Defense Transformation Project	\$50,000,000
	To the UAE to support the integration of the FMU-152A/B Joint Programmable Bomb Fuze System into the UAE Armed Forces General Headquarters' fleet of aircraft and associated weapons	\$50,000,000
	To the UAE and the United Kingdom to support the preparation, shipment, delivery, and acceptance of the Guidance Enhanced Missiles (GEM-T)	\$50,000,000
	To support the manufacture of the Aurora Fuzing System for the Paveway IV Precision Guided Bomb Program for end use by the United Kingdom Ministry of Defense and the Royal Saudi Air Force	\$50,000,000
	To Saudi Arabia to support the performance of maintenance and repair services of F110 engines for the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Ministry of Defense	\$50,000,000
	To Australia, the United Kingdom, and the UAE to support the marketing, sale, and on-going support of Unmanned Aerial Systems and support for future Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR) requirements for the UAE Armed Forces	\$50,000,000
	To the UAE, France, and the United Kingdom to support the integration, installation, operation, training, testing, maintenance, and repair of the Maverick AGM-65 Weapons System and the Paveway II, Paveway III, Enhanced Paveway II, and Enhanced Paveway III Weapons Systems	\$50,000,000
	To the UAE to support the installation, integration, modification, maintenance, and repair for F110-GE-132 gas turbine engines for use in F-16 Aircraft for use by the UAE	\$50,000,000
	To Saudi Arabia, the United Kingdom, Spain, and Italy, to support the coproduction, manufacture, assembly, development, integration, installation, operation, testing, maintenance, repair, and demilitarization of the Paveway and Enhanced Paveway Weapon Systems for the Royal Saudi Air Force F-15, Tornado, and Eurofighter Typhoon Aircraft	\$50,000,000

\*Several of these notifications included other countries as recipients (indicated in their descriptions).

Sources: DSCA's Major Arms Sales; Senate Communications

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