



SAUDI ARABIA

and
REGIONAL SECURITY

A United Front Against a Shared Threat

During President Trump's visit to Saudi Arabia in May, the United States and Saudi Arabia committed to defense agreements totaling \$110 billion¹. Cumulatively, these agreements will enhance the Kingdom's ability to fight terrorism and deter Iranian aggression, critical shared interests of our two nations. These arms sales will have four concrete benefits:

DEFEND THE KINGDOM: Saudi Arabia wishes to live in peace with its neighbors. Saudi Arabia has only intervened militarily when the security of its own territory has been threatened. The sale will:

- Help Saudi Arabia protect itself from missile and other airborne attacks.
- Bolster other components of national defense including border security, improved communications, and cybersecurity.

DEFEAT TERRORISM: These arms sales help encourage the Kingdom and other nations in the region to shoulder more of the burden of fighting terrorism and maintaining regional security. The sale will:

- Aid the Islamic Military Alliance to Fight Terrorism by providing the weapons needed for modern counterterrorism operations.
- Include air force modernization for Saudi Arabia to maintain surveillance, secure its airspace, and continue its campaign against Daesh targets in Syria.

DETER AGGRESSION: Saudi Arabia remains under threat from the violent ambitions of Iran and its proxies around the region. A stronger Saudi Arabia provides a powerful deterrent to Iranian aggression. The sale will:

- Bolster the Kingdom's ability to provide for its own security and continue contributing to counterterrorism operations across the region, reducing the burden on U.S. military forces.
- Help deter regional threats and enhance the Kingdom's ability to protect its borders, contribute to coalition counterterrorism operations, and target bad actors more precisely.
- Improve the Kingdom's defensive military capabilities. Since 2015, Saudi Arabia has intercepted more than 40 missiles fired at the Kingdom by Iranian-backed Houthi militias. Nine of these missiles struck Saudi territory.

DEEPEN ECONOMIC AND SECURITY TIES WITH THE UNITED STATES: Saudi Arabia and the United States share an economic and security relationship that spans eight decades. This sale will:

- Expand opportunities for American companies in the region, potentially supporting tens of thousands of new jobs in the United States.
- Enhance the effectiveness of joint operations between the two countries by increasing interoperability and allowing better communication during airstrikes against Daesh.

¹ The sale, which includes purchases from Lockheed Martin, Boeing, Raytheon, and General Dynamics, consists of: the THAAD missile defense system; Multi-Mission Surface Combatant Ships; S-70 Black Hawk helicopters; radars systems, tactical aircraft and surveillance systems; Chinook helicopters; guided weapons; P-8 surveillance planes; Abrams tanks; light close-air-support aircraft; transport aircraft; armored personnel carriers; and patrol boats; among other systems and armaments. For more information, please review this [Defense Security Cooperation Agency Fact Sheet](#).