

# *U.S. cargo plane lands in Israel in support of the regime's Iron Dome*

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Tel Aviv, August 6 (RHC)-- U.S. Army Futures Command has confirmed that a cargo plane has landed in Israel to support the regime's so-called Iron Dome system. The Antonov An 225 arrived at Israel's Ben-Gurion international airport, carrying U.S. military trucks to be equipped with Iron Dome air system.

"The Iron Dome system will be used to defend U.S. military troops against a wide range of ballistic and aerial threats," the Israeli military said. The U.S. Army is planning to spend \$373 million on the missile system's integration into its arsenal over the next two years, according to a report.

The measure followed the purchase of two Iron Dome batteries last year. "The Iron Dome will be assessed and experimented [with] as a system that is currently available to protect deployed US military service members against a wide variety of indirect fire threats and aerial threats," the U.S. army said at the time.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has hailed the U.S. decision as a “great achievement for Israel” and “further proof of our solid bond with the US.”

American firm Raytheon Technologies and Israeli-based Rafael Advanced Defense Systems have reportedly formed a joint venture to build the Iron Dome missile system in the United States.

The Iron Dome has been co-developed by American company Raytheon and Israeli firm Rafael. It is partly manufactured in the United States. It is claimed to be capable of detecting, assessing and intercepting a variety of shorter-range targets such as rockets, artillery and mortars.

The system was originally developed to counter small rockets that Hamas and other Palestinian resistance groups fired into Israeli occupied territories in retaliation for the regime's crimes against Palestinians. However, it has proven largely ineffective in serving that purpose.

Ever since U.S. President Donald Trump appeared in office, Israel has increased not just grabbing land but also its militarization to further destabilize the region.

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