

# *Washington Gives Israel Munitions Stockpile for Gaza Offensive*

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Washington, July 31 (RHC)-- The United States has allowed Israel to use an American-owned munitions stockpile amid the ongoing assault on the Gaza Strip. A U.S. military official said on Thursday that the stockpile, which consists of missiles, armored vehicles and artillery ammunition, was given last week.

The emergency arms depot is located at a classified site inside Israel. The munitions are part of a program managed by the US military and called War Reserves Stock Allies-Israel (WRSA-I). The official said: "They didn't ask for it from there but we gave it to them so we could rotate our stocks." Washington had allowed Tel Aviv to use the same arms depot during Israel's 33-day war on Lebanon back in 2006.

Separately, U.S. lawmakers are working on a bill that gives permission to the U.S. government to provide millions of dollars for Israeli missile system known as Iron Dome.

On Monday, U.S. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid said Israel urgently needs more financial aid from the United States for its offensive against Palestinians in the Gaza Strip. Reid, a member of the Democratic Party, warned that the Barack Obama administration's \$225 million request to aid Israel during its current war may not be enough, as the Zionist regime continues to massacre Palestinians in

Gaza.

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