

Pentagon Requests \$146 Million for Israeli Missiles and Other Programs



Washington, February 10 (RHC)-- The U.S. Defense Department has requested \$145.8 million to fund Israel's missile systems and other military programs in fiscal year 2017.

Pentagon documents, released on Tuesday, show that the United States will continue to support Israel's Iron Dome system, a short-range missile interceptor, and help fund David's Sling, designed to defeat medium-range missiles, as well as the Arrow ballistic missile system.

The requests for new funding are tucked in the Defense Department's \$583 billion budget for 2017, which was submitted by the Pentagon chief, Ashton Carter, on Tuesday.

In addition to about \$42 million for Iron Dome, the U.S. Missile Defense Agency's budget request included \$103.8 million for cooperative programs with Israel.

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