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Armenia

Leaving CSTO more likely than defreezing membership, says Armenian PM

Zhanna Avagyan

Civilnet, July 16, 2025

Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan said that it is now more likely that Armenia will quit the Russia-led Collective Security Treaty Organisation (CSTO) altogether rather than continue its suspended membership. “It is more likely that we will leave the CSTO than freeze our membership,” Pashinyan told a press conference in Yerevan on Thursday. The statement marks another escalation in Armenia’s ongoing rift with the military alliance, which includes Russia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan. Armenia suspended its participation in the CSTO in February 2024, with Pashinyan citing the bloc’s failure to uphold Armenia’s security, sovereignty, and territorial integrity. The rift widened after Azerbaijan launched a large-scale military incursion into Armenia’s internationally recognised territory in September 2022.

<https://www.civilnet.am/en/news/963711/leaving-csto-more-likely-than-defreezing-membership-says-armenian-pm/>

Polish footprint in Armenia's militarisation

Matanat Nasibova

Caliber, July 17, 2025

In recent years, Armenia has been actively seeking new arms suppliers around the world, and it now appears set to expand its military arsenal with the help of another

European country—Poland. This is evidenced by the growing frequency of defence-related contacts between Yerevan and Warsaw. Just recently, Armenian media enthusiastically reported that Armenia’s Deputy Minister of Defence Karen Brutyan met in Warsaw with Paweł Bejda, State Secretary of Poland’s Ministry of National Defence, to discuss bilateral cooperation in the military sphere. An agreement on defence cooperation between the two countries was signed as far back as September 2004. Subsequently, in 2019, Lubawa–Armenia significantly scaled back operations due to economic difficulties. The two sides only returned to discussions about expanding investment and increasing the company’s capital share in July 2025.

<https://caliber.az/en/post/polish-footprint-in-armenia-s-militarisation>

Armenia and Azerbaijan have taken a new route in their quest for peace

Benyamin Poghosyan and Lara Setrakian

The National, July 18, 2025

Political scientists and wider civil society from Armenia and Azerbaijan don’t often see eye to eye. After decades of war between the two countries their grievances run deep, with each side blaming the other for continued rounds of conflict. But experts in Yerevan and Baku can now agree on one thing: the meeting held in Abu Dhabi on July 10 between their heads of government was a moment of respite for the South Caucasus. After months without a major meeting between the two sides (the leaders met briefly at the margins of the European Political Community summit in

Tirana in May), Abu Dhabi was able to host their most comprehensive gathering in known history, attended by representatives who cover all key aspects of the Armenia-Azerbaijan peace process.

<https://www.thenationalnews.com/opinion/comment/2025/07/18/armenia-and-azerbajians-quest-for-a-path-to-peace/>

Azerbaijan

Azerbaijan, Baykar sign logistics and sales pact at major defence fair in Istanbul

Caliber, July 23, 2025

Azerbaijan's Ministry of Defence has signed a "Logistics Support and Sales Agreement" with Turkish defence company Baykar, further strengthening defence cooperation between the two countries. The agreement was formalised during the IDEF-2025 International Defence Industry Fair, one of the world's leading events for defence and security technology. Baykar announced the development in a statement published on its official page on the social network X, expressing optimism about the growing partnership. "We hope that this cooperation will be beneficial for both brotherly countries," the company said, underscoring the close strategic ties between Türkiye and Azerbaijan. The agreement adds a new dimension to the defence collaboration between Baku and Ankara, especially in the field of advanced drone and aerospace systems. Baykar, known for its cutting-edge unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), including the Bayraktar TB2 and Akıncı drones, has emerged as one of Türkiye's flagship defence technology exporters. The company's UAVs have seen

extensive operational use in a number of conflict zones, including in Azerbaijan during the 2020 Karabakh war.

<https://caliber.az/en/post/azerbaijan-baykar-sign-logistics-and-sales-pact-at-major-defence-fair-in-istanbul>

Azerbaijani firms tout deepening defence links with Türkiye

Daily Sabah, July 25, 2025

Officials from Azerbaijani defence firms participating in the International Defence Industry Fair (IDEF) 2025 praised Türkiye's defence sector and its strong relations with Azerbaijani companies, highlighting the distinct approach Turkish suppliers take toward their close ally. ITX-Motors Group Defence Director Zafer Çetinkaya said no matter what product they purchase, they ultimately find value for money in Türkiye. "Of course, due to the close proximity between the two countries, Turkish suppliers approach Azerbaijan differently and provide greater convenience," he told Anadolu Agency (AA) at Azerbaijan's national pavilion at IDEF. Çetinkaya also stressed that Türkiye has come a long way in both the automotive and defence industries since the 1970s. He noted that ITX has been working on armored vehicles for about two years, with one vehicle undergoing government testing in Azerbaijan for a month. "And we've finally successfully completed the tests ourselves. We're ready to put it into service with the armed forces by the end of the year," he added.

<https://www.dailysabah.com/business/defense/azerbaijani-firms-tout-deepening-defense-links-with-turkiye>

Bahrain

US, Bahrain to cooperate in civil nuclear energy

Kuwait News Agency, July 16, 2025

US Secretary of State Marco Rubio and Bahraini Minister of Foreign Affairs Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani signed a nuclear cooperation memorandum of understanding (NCMOU). Speaking to reporters at the signing ceremony, Secretary Rubio said that signing this important document "serves as the first step towards a deeper civil nuclear cooperation - an example that the United States is prepared to be a partner with any nation on Earth that wants to pursue a civil nuclear program that clearly is not geared towards weaponization or threatening the security of their neighbors." "And this is a - no one better to do it with than such a strong partner that we've been working with for so long. This only strengthens our relationship," he noted.

<https://www.kuna.net.kw/ArticleDetails.aspx?id=3240990&Language=en>

Cyprus

Cyprus emerging as a strategic space partner in Europe, Electronic Communications Department says

Cyprus Business News, July 23, 2025

Cyprus is steadily advancing its position as a regional hub for high technology and a strategic partner in Europe's space sector, a press release issued by the Department of Electronic Communications of the Deputy Ministry of Research, Innovation and Digital Policy says. The Department, which

now functions as the official Cyprus Space Office, represents the Republic at European and international space fora, promoting the national policy on space, satellite applications and international cooperation aimed at strengthening the domestic ecosystem, it is added. The adoption of the National Space Strategy 2022–2027, along with the passing of the 2023 Space Law, form the legal and strategic foundation for the sustainable development of space activities in Cyprus, it is noted. The country's efforts focus on four key areas: satellite communications, supported by advanced infrastructure such as the Cyta and Hellas Sat teleports and four Cyprus-flagged satellites, earth observation led by the EXCELSIOR project and the "Eratos-thenes" Centre of Excellence, satellite navigation with core Galileo and EGNOS ground installations and cooperation with the European Space Agency (ESA), through more than 70 projects and €14 million in funding.

<https://www.cbn.com.cy/article/116547/cyprus-emerging-as-a-strategic-space-partner-in-europe-electronic-communications-department-says>

Cyprus submits formal interest for EU €150 billion SAFE programme

Georgia Georgiou

Cyprus Mail, July 29, 2025

Cyprus has officially submitted its declaration of interest to participate in the European Union's new defence funding mechanism, the security Action for Europe (SAFE), Defence Minister Vasilis Palmas confirmed. Speaking to the Cyprus News

Agency, Palmas said the Ministry of Defence had submitted its formal expression of interest to the relevant EU committee, marking a key step in Cyprus' participation in the €150 billion programme. The SAFE initiative, launched by the European Commission, aims to strengthen the EU's defence capabilities through joint military procurement and low-interest loans to member states for the purchase of defence equipment. These loans will be facilitated through the European Investment Bank under favourable terms.

<https://cyprus-mail.com/2025/07/29/cyprus-submits-formal-interest-for-eu-e150-billion-safe-programme>

Georgia

Georgia hosts Agile Spirit 2025 Multinational Exercise

Civil Georgia, July 25, 2025

Georgia is hosting the multinational exercise Agile Spirit 2025, which officially kicked off on July 21 in Turkey and opened in Georgia today, July 25, at the NATO-Georgia Joint Training and Evaluation Center (JTEC) in Krtsanisi. The drills will continue through August 8. "Agile Spirit 2025 is designed to enhance readiness, interoperability, and combined operational capabilities among participating armed forces," the Georgian Defence Ministry and the U.S. Army Europe and Africa said in their press releases. This marks the 12th iteration of Agile Spirit hosted in Georgia. This year, the drills bring together troops from Georgia, the U.S., Turkey, Germany,

Italy, Greece, Moldova, Romania, Bulgaria, Slovakia, Lithuania, Ukraine, and Poland. Armenia and Japan are participating as observers. More than 2,000 military personnel are involved in this year's exercise, including over 800 U.S. service members. "Agile Spirit 25 underscores the U.S. commitment to security and stability in the Black Sea region and highlights the importance of strong alliances and partnerships in addressing shared security challenges," the U.S. side said. Launched in 2011, the biennial exercise focuses on "building capacity and increasing European leadership in European security through realistic, joint training scenarios."

<https://civil.ge/archives/694332>

Iran

Blinken admits Iran fulfilled its commitments to JCPOA prior to US withdrawal

Tehran Times, July 16, 2025

Former U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken has acknowledged that Iran was in full compliance with the 2015 nuclear agreement prior to the deal's unilateral violation by the United States under President Donald Trump during his previous term. He also admitted that military options would not produce a sustainable resolution to the nuclear issue, calling instead for renewed diplomacy. Speaking on a podcast hosted by CNN's Christiane Amanpour, Blinken claimed that before the latest round of Israeli aggression, Iran had agreed to limit its nuclear activities including uranium enrichment in

coordination with European signatories. Blinken confirmed that the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) had been working effectively before Washington withdrew. “Iran was honoring its commitments under the deal—not only confirmed by international inspectors but also by our own intelligence sources,” he said. According to the deal, Iran was permitted to enrich uranium to 3.67% using its own centrifuge technology.

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/51570/0/Blinken-admits-Iran-fulfilled-its-commitments-to-JCPOA-prior>

Two decades of Nuclear Program: Iran enriches uranium as its people face growing poverty

Faramarz Davar

Iran Wire, July 17, 2025

The Islamic Republic calls uranium enrichment a “legitimate right” and considers it necessary for “development” and use as fuel for nuclear power plants. However, the reality is that Iran has no nuclear power plant to use this fuel, and as long as sanctions remain in place, no country will build a nuclear power plant for Iran. Even Russia, despite repeated promises, has not yet begun construction of the second Bushehr power plant. The thousand-megawatt Bushehr plant is Iran’s only nuclear power plant, which, when active, supplies less than one-eightieth of Iran’s electricity consumption. Russia has not allowed the Islamic Republic to use its own nuclear fuel in this plant and has forced Iran to commit to purchasing Russian-produced fuel for it. Russia has the power to impose such demands on Iran because it

built the Bushehr power plant and must approve its fuel before it enters the reactor. However, Russia has not approved the quality of Iran’s nuclear fuel. Ali Akbar Salehi, who headed the Atomic Energy Organization during the presidencies of Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and Hassan Rouhani, has said that Russia has not even allowed Iran to introduce its nuclear fuel into the Bushehr plant for testing purposes.

<https://iranwire.com/en/features/143304-two-decades-of-nuclear-program-iran-enriches-uranium-as-its-people-face-growing-poverty/>

President: Depriving Iranian nation of its legal nuclear rights is unacceptable

Islamic Republic News Agency, July 19, 2025

President Masoud Pezeshkian has reiterated Iran’s legitimate right to use nuclear energy for peaceful purposes, stressing that depriving Iranians of their legal rights is entirely unacceptable. In a telephone conversation with Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan on Saturday afternoon, Pezeshkian emphasized that the Islamic Republic is committed to international law and has confidence in the transparency of its nuclear activities. Referring to the recent 12-day Israeli-U.S. war and the renewed push by European countries to revive negotiations, he said that Iran has never sought war, but has instead played an effective role in promoting peace and stability across the region. “We were attacked by the Zionist regime, in violation of all international standards and laws. Then, while negotiations were ongoing, the United States bombed Iranian nuclear facilities that were fully subject to

international inspection,” Pezeshkian pointed out. He also criticized the silence of global institutions and governments — including the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) — in the face of the aggressive and criminal assault on Iran.

<https://en.irna.ir/news/85892398/President-Depriving-Iranian-nation-of-its-legal-nuclear-rights>

Iran says replaced air defence systems damaged during Israel war

Gulf News, July 20, 2025

Iran has replaced the air defence systems damaged during its 12-day war with Israel last month, a senior army general said according to state media. Israel launched an unprecedented surprise bombing campaign against Iran in mid-June, prompting Tehran to respond with drone and missile attacks. Israel's strikes dealt a significant blow to the Islamic republic's air defences, which were repeatedly activated in the capital Tehran and across the country throughout the war. "The Zionist enemy sought to destroy Iran's defense capabilities, and some of our defense systems were damaged in that war," army operations chief Mahmoud Mousavi was quoted as saying by the official IRNA news agency. "The damaged defence systems have now been replaced," he added. Iran's air defence network includes systems like the domestically built Bavar-373 and Khordad-15, designed to counter missiles and aircraft. Iran also installed Russia's S-300 air defense systems in 2016.

<https://gulfnews.com/world/mena/iran-says-replaced-air-defence-systems-damaged-during-israel-war-1.500204729>

Iran not seeking nuclear weapons, false accusations used to justify attacks: Pezeshkian

Tehran Times, July 22, 2025

Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian has strongly rejected claims that the country is pursuing nuclear weapons, calling such accusations a fabricated narrative used by Israel and the United States to justify recent military aggression. At a ceremony commemorating cultural, artistic, and media figures martyred during the recent 12-day war with Israel and the U.S., Pezeshkian said Iran has never had any intention of building an atomic bomb. The president condemned the attacks carried out by the United States and Israel, saying the two powers used the false pretext of nuclear weapons to strike Iranian civilian targets. "Under this excuse, they bombed our hospitals and residential neighborhoods, targeting defenseless civilians—women, children, and ordinary citizens," he said.

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/515962/Iran-not-seeking-nuclear-weapons-false-accusations-used-to-justify>

Group of Friends in Defence of U.N. Charter condemn Israel's illegal, unilateral actions

Islamic Republic News Agency, July 22, 2025

Representatives from member states of the Group of Friends in Defence of the Charter of the United Nations have expressed solidarity with the Iranian nation and condemned the attacks on Iran's nuclear facilities. In a meeting with this group in

New York, Deputy Foreign Minister for Legal and International Affairs of Iran Kazem Gharibabadi, appreciated the member states of the group for their continued support for Iran, particularly during the 12-day imposed war. He dismissed baseless claims regarding “legitimate defense” and “preemptive attack” by the United States and the Israeli regime, saying that Iran’s nuclear program has been under the supervision of the International Atomic Energy Agency (I.A.E.A.). In a briefing meeting with representatives from more than 110 U.N. member states in New York, Gharibabadi said that the aggression against Iran is a blatant crime and a historical test for the U.N. Security Council. During this briefing, the Iranian diplomat described the Israeli regime as the main source of insecurity and instability in the region over the past eight decades.

<https://en.irna.ir/news/85894431/Group-of-Friends-in-Defense-of-U-N-Charter-condemn-Israel-s>

Iran calls snapback baseless as nuclear deal is defunct for years

Iran International, July 22, 2025

A senior Iranian diplomat dismissed European efforts to trigger the reimposition of United Nations sanctions under the 2015 nuclear deal as legally baseless, arguing that the accord has not been in effect for seven years. "The JCPOA has not been implemented for seven years, and the European countries halted their obligations after the United States withdrew from the deal," said Kazem Gharibabadi, Iran’s

deputy foreign minister for legal and international affairs, in remarks to state news agency IRNA from New York. Gharibabadi's comments come ahead of a scheduled meeting on Friday in Istanbul between Iranian officials and representatives of the European E3—France, Germany, and the United Kingdom—to discuss recent diplomatic tensions and European statements regarding the activation of the so-called “snapback” mechanism. The snapback would restore UN sanctions lifted under the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), from which the US unilaterally withdrew in 2018.

<https://www.iranintl.com/en/202507225342>

Iran agrees to visit by UN nuclear watchdog team to Tehran

Middle East Monitor, July 23, 2025

Iran said that it has agreed to a visit by a technical team from the UN nuclear watchdog to the capital, Tehran. “Iran has agreed to the visit of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)’s technical team to Tehran in the next two to three weeks, but they will not visit Iran’s nuclear facilities,” Deputy Foreign Minister Kazem Gharibabadi said in statements carried by the Mehr news agency. During the visit, the framework of Iran’s cooperation with the UN nuclear agency under the new circumstances will be discussed, Gharibabadi said.

<https://www.middleeastmonitor.com/20250723-iran-agrees-to-visit-by-un-nuclear-watchdog-team-to-tehran/>

Iran's nuclear industry to not be damaged by attacks

Mehr News Agency, July 24, 2025

AEOI Spokesperson Behrouz Kamalvandi says that Iran's nuclear program is deeply rooted and will flourish again despite military attacks by Israel and the United States. Behrouz Kamalvandi, spokesperson for the Atomic Energy Organisation of Iran, stressed that the country's nuclear industry has strong foundations and cannot be harmed by military strikes or pressure. Referring to the 12-day Israeli-imposed war and the recent joint Israeli-American attack on Iran's nuclear facilities, Kamalvandi underlined, "The nuclear industry in our country is deeply rooted. And something that is rooted cannot be damaged by attacks or pressure—it will once again blossom." Tehran and Washington were engaged in negotiations led by Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi and US President Donald Trump's foreign envoy Steve Witkoff and had conducted five rounds of indirect talks mediated by Oman when Israel launched a series of unprovoked aggressions, which upended the process.

<https://en.mehrnews.com/news/234664/Iran-s-nuclear-industry-to-not-be-damaged-by-attacks>

Table of Iranian nuclear sites and related facilities

Iran Watch, July 24, 2025

Iran has operated a number of facilities that carry out the different steps of the nuclear fuel cycle. Because of the dual-use potential of many of these facilities – they can be used to manufacture fuel for nuclear reactors or nuclear weapons – the international

community has long raised concerns that Iran could use this infrastructure and expertise to make weapons. Between June 12 and 24, 2025, Israel acted on those concerns and carried out airstrikes against a number of Iranian nuclear facilities. On June 21, 2025, the United States joined the air campaign and struck multiple sites using heavy ground-penetrating munitions ("bunker-busting bombs"). Some details about the damage caused to Iran's nuclear facilities have come to light, though it is unclear when the full extent of damage will be publicly known. Before the strikes, Iran's infrastructure included mines to extract natural uranium, mills that process uranium ore into a concentrate known as "yellowcake," and a plant that converts this yellowcake into uranium hexafluoride (UF₆) gas.

<https://www.iranwatch.org/our-publications/weapon-program-background-report/table-iranian-nuclear-sites-related-facilities>

Iran, EU3 begin second round of nuclear talks in Istanbul

Tasnim News Agency, July 25, 2025

They Deputy Foreign ministers of Iran and three European countries began a new round of talks in Istanbul, focusing on nuclear issues and sanctions relief. European diplomats arrived at Iran's consulate in Istanbul on Friday morning for negotiations with the Iranian delegation, headed by Majid Takht-Ravanchi and Kazem Gharibabadi, deputy foreign ministers of Iran. Referring to the upcoming talks between Iran and the three European countries, Deputy Foreign Minister Kazem Gharibabadi stated that

Iran's effort will be to examine what common solutions can be found to manage the current situation. The talks which are held at the deputy foreign minister level, mark the second round of discussions between Iran and the three European states in Istanbul.

<https://www.tasnimnews.com/en/news/2025/07/25/3361592/iran-eu3-begin-second-round-of-nuclear-talks-in-istanbul>

Iran views Istanbul meeting as opportunity for Europe to correct its stance

Islamic Republic News Agency, July 25, 2025

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Esmail Baqaei says that a meeting between Iran and the E3 – comprising Britain, France, and Germany – presents a valuable opportunity for the three European countries to revise their stance on Iran's nuclear issue and serves as a test of their realism regarding the matter. Baqaei made the remarks in an exclusive interview with IRNA, published, the same day when representatives from Iran and the E3 meet in Istanbul, Turkey. The trio are members of the 2015 Iran nuclear deal officially named the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, or the JCPOA. In response to a question about repeated threats by European countries to invoke the so-called "snapback mechanism" against Iran, the spokesperson stated that there is no justification for failing to remove Iran's nuclear file from the U.N. Security Council's agenda at the scheduled time.

<https://en.irda.ir/news/85896626/Exclusive-I-Iran-views-Istanbul-meeting-as-opportunity-for-Europe>

Substantive progress in 'serious, frank, and detailed' talks with E3: Iran

Tehran Times, July 25, 2025

Posting on X after the meeting, Gharibabadi said the Iranian delegation strongly criticized the European stance on the recent war of aggression against the Iranian people, and reaffirmed Tehran's principled positions on its nuclear rights. He noted that both sides had come to the table with concrete proposals and agreed to continue consultations in the coming weeks. The European countries, along with China and Russia, are the remaining parties to a 2015 deal - from which the U.S. withdrew in 2018. A deadline of Oct. 18 is fast approaching when the resolution governing that deal expires. At that point, all UN sanctions on Iran will be lifted unless a "snapback" mechanism is triggered at least 30 days before. This would automatically reimpose those sanctions, which target sectors from hydrocarbons to banking and defence. To give time for this to happen, the E3 has set a deadline of the end of August to revive diplomacy.

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/516059/Substantive-progress-in-serious-frank-and-detailed-talks>

FM says Iran still has capability to enrich uranium

Mehr News Agency, July 31, 2025

The Iranian foreign minister has said that his country still has the capability to enrich uranium while it continues to be compliant with the fatwa by its Leader that bans possession of any WMDs. Abbas Araghchi made the comments in a recent interview with Financial Times (FT). He stressed to

the FT that ‘the road to negotiation is narrow’ as he lays out conditions for renewed diplomacy after war. The US must agree to compensate Iran for losses incurred during last month’s war, the Islamic republic’s foreign minister said, as Tehran hardens its position and imposes new conditions for resuming nuclear talks with the Trump administration. The minister further said that Iran would not agree to “business as usual” in the wake of the 12-day conflict with Israel, which the US briefly joined despite having been in talks with Iran.

<https://en.mehrnews.com/news/234892/FM-says-Iran-still-has-capability-to-enrich-uranium>

Israel

Report: Of 3 nuke sites hit by US, only Fordo was badly set back; Trump rejected wider op

Times of Israel, July 17, 2025

US strikes on three Iranian nuclear sites only caused significant damage to one of them, a new intelligence assessment has reportedly found, and discussions are said to have taken place between Israeli and American officials on the possibility of renewing strikes on the two other locations if Tehran doesn’t agree to talks soon. The US strikes last month set back uranium enrichment activity at the underground Fordo nuclear site by some two years, NBC news reported, citing five current and former US officials with knowledge of the intel findings, which have been shared with lawmakers and officials in allied countries in recent days. The US outlet’s reporting indicates, but does not state explicitly, that

the damage at Isfahan and Natanz, the two other sites, was less extensive, with some parts of them beyond America’s massive bunker-buster bombs. The report said US officials think Iran could have the facilities back up and running in months.

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/trumps-iran-strikes-only-set-back-fordo-but-us-israel-mulling-resuming-job-report/>

Defence Ministry announces deal to procure hundreds of light mobility vehicles for IDF

Emanuel Fabian

The Times of Israel, July 20, 2025

The Defence Ministry announces that it has signed a half-billion shekel (\$150 million) deal to procure hundreds of light mobility vehicles for the IDF Ground Forces. The deal with the American manufacturer AM General included hundreds of Humvees, along with support and maintenance, the ministry says. The first dozen Humvees are expected to arrive in Israel this year, it says. The IDF uses Humvees for transporting troops, evacuating wounded, logistics supply, communications, and other purposes amid the war.

https://www.timesofisrael.com/liveblog_entry/defense-ministry-announces-deal-to-procure-hundreds-of-light-mobility-vehicles-for-idf/

Romania to purchase Israeli air defence systems in \$2.3 billion deal

i24News, July 21, 2025

Romania has announced a major arms procurement deal with Israel, signing a framework agreement to purchase

advanced short- and very short-range air defense systems (Shorad-Vshorad) valued at more than €2 billion (\$2.3 billion). The acquisition marks a significant upgrade in the country's military capabilities amid growing regional instability and persistent pressure from Western allies to bolster defense spending. The Romanian Ministry of Defense confirmed the deal on Monday, positioning it as a strategic move to protect national airspace and respond to escalating threats along the eastern flank of NATO. The systems, produced in Israel, are designed to intercept low-altitude aerial threats including drones, missiles, and aircraft. Romania shares a 650-kilometer (400-mile) border with Ukraine and has been directly impacted by the conflict. Over the past two years, fragments of Russian drones have repeatedly landed on Romanian territory as Moscow targets Ukrainian ports along the Danube River.

<https://www.i24news.tv/en/news/israel/defense/artc-romania-to-purchase-israeli-air-defense-systems-in-2-3-billion-deal>

Avner Netanyahu joins new U.S.-Israeli defence tech venture

Haaretz, July 21, 2025

Avner Netanyahu, son of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, is joining a new defense-tech initiative launched by Group 11, a U.S.-Israeli venture capital fund led by investor Dovi Frances. The move was announced in a joint LinkedIn post by Frances and Netanyahu and confirmed to TheMarker. The new venture, called Umbrella Corporation, will operate under Group 11 and focus on investments and partnerships in defense and

cybersecurity technologies in both the Israeli and U.S. markets. According to its website, the company aims to be "the capital and the engine" behind a network of strategic partnerships that drive breakthroughs in defense tech. Netanyahu, who previously worked at the Israeli branch of the global consulting firm Strategy&, will join the initiative alongside Idan Keinan, a former staffer at the Prime Minister's Office and Group 11. Both will serve as senior associates, responsible for sourcing companies, building relationships, and conducting due diligence as needed.

<https://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/2025-07-21/ty-article/.premium/avner-netanyahu-joins-new-u-s-israeli-defense-tech-venture/00000198-2bab-dc47-a3fd-ffff83bb0000>

New missile related munitions production complex targeted by Israel during 12-Day war

David Albright, Sarah Burkhard

Institute for Science and International Security, July 22, 2025

In our review and analysis of the potentially nuclear weapons related sites in Iran that were bombed by Israel in the recent military conflict, the Institute has come across a missile related munitions production complex that witnessed severe damage to two key facilities between the 17th and 18th of June 2025. One of the targeted facilities was only about a year old, with construction completed in 2024. This site sparked our interest as it is clearly able to handle and test high explosives. It contains an outdoor high-explosive test site

and newly built facilities with multiple layers of security. In addition, there was almost no public information about the site pre-strike. The only publicly available information on the site may have stemmed from NCRI, which in 2010 alleged that there was a Ya Mahdi/Aerospace Industries Organization of Iran-associated site called “Ansar Al-Mehdi base” near Vandar. Post-strike, the Israeli Air Force published a short video clip of the still unnamed site, and identified it as a “site in Iran for the production of anti-tank missiles, which were transferred by the Iranian regime to its proxies.”

<https://isis-online.org/isis-reports/new-probable-missile-related-munitions-production-complex-targeted-by-israel-during-12-day-war>

'Growing evidence' war shattered Iran's nuke program, designs to build electromagnetic weapon

i24news, July 26, 2025

The damage to Iran's nuclear program and other weapons systems was indeed extensive and would be difficult to reverse, a leading analyst of U.S. foreign policy wrote, citing an Israeli source with detailed knowledge of the matter. The 12-day war last month dealt heavy damage to the mullah regime's plans to develop two types of nuclear warheads and an "electromagnetic pulse (EMP) weapon that could cripple Israel electronically," David Ignatius wrote in his weekly Washington Post column. One of the more underappreciated facets of Israel's devastating offensive was, per Ignatius, the assassination of Iran's entire cadre of

nuclear scientists, resulting not merely in "a massive loss of talent" but also sending a message of deterrence to younger Iranian nuclear specialists who now realize that participation in the regime's program amounts to a death sentence. It is not merely that “Iran is no longer a threshold nuclear state,” as the source is quoted as saying, but its efforts to build two types of nuclear warheads, fission and fusion, were laid to waste. Thus, even if Iran still possesses stockpiles of enriched uranium, weaponization would be extremely challenging, it is understood. Israeli attacks halved Iran's arsenal of 3,000 ballistic missiles and reduced by 80% its 500 missile launchers. The timing of the war prevented Tehran from realizing its plan to boost its ballistic missile stockpile to 8,000.

<https://www.i24news.tv/en/news/middle-east/iran-eastern-states/artc-report-israeli-and-u-s-attacks-shattered-iran-s-nuclear-program-designs-to-build-electromagnetic-weapon>

Report: Trump halted Israeli strikes aimed at toppling Iranian regime

Haaretz, July 26, 2025

Israel planned to target regime targets to topple the Islamic Republic of Iran, but U.S. President Donald Trump halted the strikes by announcing a cease-fire, The Washington Post reported, citing American and Israeli officials. The officials told the Post's senior military analyst, David Ignatius, that Trump approved the launch of Israel's mid-June offensive on Iran, but made clear that he would only continue U.S. support if Israel's progress met expectations. By the time Trump

announced the cease-fire, Israeli forces were reportedly poised to hit senior regime targets. Netanyahu will 'do anything to stay in power': If early elections are called, could he win?

A senior Israeli source quoted in the report said the assault delayed Iran's nuclear program by "at least one year, and possibly two." He added, "Iran is no longer a threshold nuclear state."

<https://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/2025-07-26/ty-article/report-trump-halted-israeli-strikes-aimed-at-toppling-iranian-regime/00000198-45e9-d675-a79a-67efca290000>

Jordan

Jordan, Iraq and Egypt say Israeli strikes in Syria jeopardise regional stability

Arab News, July 16, 2025

Jordan, Iraq and Egypt condemned the Israeli strikes that targeted Syria this week, stating that these actions are a blatant violation of sovereignty and international law. Israel struck Syrian forces and military vehicles as they approached the southern city of Sweida to restore stability after deadly clashes erupted in the region between the Druze sect and Bedouin tribes this week. Israel struck the Syrian government's military headquarters in the capital, Damascus, as the Israeli prime minister and minister of defense said they were intervening to "protect" the Druze, who mainly live in Suweida. The Jordanian Ministry of Foreign and Expatriate Affairs condemned Israel's airstrikes, saying that

they represent a dangerous escalation that jeopardizes Syria's stability and security.

<https://www.arabnews.com/node/2608294/middle-east>

UAE and Jordan conduct new air drops to Gaza as Emirati aid convoy arrives

The National, July 30, 2025

The UAE and Jordan air dropped critical aid into the Gaza Strip for a fourth day as an Emirati convoy of 58 lorries brought more humanitarian supplies into the enclave. Jordan's Petra news agency said the airdrops were carried out by two C-130 Royal Jordanian Air Force planes and an Emirati counterpart. It added that 16 tonnes of food and baby formula were delivered to various areas of Gaza Strip, bringing the total cargo dropped over the past few days to about 73 tonnes of essential supplies. A Belgian aircraft carrying medical supplies and food worth €600,000 (\$690,000) will "soon" fly to Jordan and remain on standby to conduct air drops, said the defence and foreign ministries in Brussels. Gaza's hospitals have recorded seven new deaths from malnutrition and starvation in the past 24 hours, the Health Ministry said. This takes the death toll from starvation during the conflict to 154 – including 89 children – the ministry said. At least 60,138 Palestinians have been killed and 146,269 wounded since the Gaza war began, the ministry said.

<https://www.thenationalnews.com/news/uae/2025/07/30/uae-and-jordan-conduct-new-air-drops-to-gaza-as-emirati-aid-convoy-arrives/>

Kuwait

Kuwait deploys Turkey's Battle-Tested Bayraktar TB2 UCAVs in Strategic Leap for Gulf Security

Defence Security Asia, July 19, 2025

In a landmark ceremony held at Salem Al-Sabah Air Base, the Kuwaiti Armed Forces officially commissioned the Bayraktar TB2 unmanned combat aerial vehicle (UCAV), signifying a pivotal enhancement to the nation's defence architecture and combat readiness. The high-profile event was graced by Kuwait's Defence Minister, Sheikh Abdullah Ali Abdullah Al-Sabah, who underscored the strategic significance of this acquisition in bolstering Kuwait's surveillance, reconnaissance, and precision strike capabilities in an increasingly volatile regional security environment. "This is an important step in the development of the Kuwaiti army's capabilities, especially in the areas of surveillance, reconnaissance and intelligence gathering," said Sheikh Abdullah during the commissioning ceremony. The commissioning follows a landmark bilateral defence agreement signed in 2023, in which Kuwait inked a US\$370 million (approximately RM1.75 billion) contract with Turkish defence aerospace company Baykar for the procurement of a complete Bayraktar TB2 system.

<https://defencesecurityasia.com/en/kuwait-bayraktar-tb2-drone-deal/>

Lebanon

Lebanon's President Aoun urges Hezbollah to give up arms

Al-Monitor, July 31, 2025

Lebanon's President Joseph Aoun called on Hezbollah and other political parties on Thursday to hand over their weapons to the army, a move the powerful militant group is resisting as Washington ramps up pressures for it to remove its arsenal. "It is the duty of all political parties... to seize this historic opportunity without hesitation and push for the exclusivity of weapons in the hands of the army and security forces and no one else," Aoun said in a televised speech in the defence ministry's headquarters. Hezbollah, which emerged badly damaged from its war with Israel last year, has said calls for the Iran-aligned group to disarm only serve Israel.

<https://www.al-monitor.com/originals/2025/07/lebanons-president-aoun-urges-hezbollah-give-arms>

Oman

UK's Starmer, Oman's sultan agree to deepen ties in energy, defence and tech

Al-Monitor, July 30, 2025

British Prime Minister Keir Starmer and Oman's Sultan Haitham bin Tariq al-Said agreed to deepen collaboration across energy, technology, defence and security, a Downing Street spokesperson said. During talks in London where the leaders also discussed the ongoing UK-Gulf Cooperation Council trade negotiations, the leaders called for urgent humanitarian aid

to reach Gaza, saying the current situation "cannot continue." "The Prime Minister updated His Majesty on his conversations with other leaders in recent days, and both agreed on the need for a longer-term peace plan, which includes a pathway to recognition," the spokesperson said. Starmer announced on Tuesday that Britain would recognise a Palestine state in September unless Israel took steps to improve the situation in Gaza and bring about peace. On Iran, Starmer thanked the sultan for Oman's continued efforts to help reach a diplomatic solution and avoid a return to conflict in the region.

<https://www.al-monitor.com/originals/2025/07/uks-starmer-omans-sultan-agree-deepen-ties-energy-defence-and-tech>

Saudi Arabia

Nuclear watchdog boss reviews latest developments with Saudi ministers

Arab News, July 16, 2025

Rafael Grossi, the head of the International Atomic Energy Agency, held talks with the Saudi foreign minister, Prince Faisal bin Farhan, and energy minister, Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman, in Riyadh. Grossi and Prince Faisal discussed regional developments and ways in which international action on issues of common interest might be strengthened. Abdulrahman Al-Rassi, the deputy minister for multilateral affairs at the Foreign Ministry was also present. In a separate meeting, Grossi and Prince Abdulaziz talked about enhanced cooperation and the application of international standards for nuclear safety and security. The officials

also discussed preparations for the International Conference on Nuclear and Radiological Emergencies, which will take place in Riyadh from Dec. 1-4. The Kingdom's Nuclear and Radiological Regulatory Authority is organizing the event in cooperation with the IAEA.

<https://www.arabnews.com/node/2608313/saudi-arabia>

Saudi Arabia, Türkiye sign defence cooperation agreement

Bharain News Agency, July 24, 2025

The Saudi Arabian Military Industries (SAMI), the Kingdom's leading national defence and security company and a wholly owned subsidiary of the Public Investment Fund, signed manufacturing agreements with three leading Turkish defence companies. The agreements aim to localise the land systems industry in the Kingdom. The first agreement with Nurol Makina focuses on the transfer of technology and local manufacturing of military vehicles produced by the Turkish company. The second agreement with FNSS Defence Systems targets the transfer of technology and local manufacturing of armoured combat vehicles and weapon turrets. The third agreement with ASELSAN involves the transfer of technology and localisation of turret systems manufacturing in the Kingdom, contributing to the localisation of these vital systems within combat vehicle projects, according to the Saudi Press Agency (SPA).

<https://www.bna.bh/En/SaudiArabiaTrkiye%20signdefencecooperationagreement.aspx?cms=q8FmFJgiscL2fwIzON1%2BDhLZnUaNBEyEpYU%2BEKjF2CQ%3D>

Saudi Arabia unveils \$6.4 billion investment package for Syria

Caliber, July 25, 2025

Saudi Arabia has announced \$6.4 billion in investments in Syria, signalling a significant expansion of its support for interim President Ahmed al-Sharaa's administration as the country begins to emerge from more than a decade of civil war. The investment deals were revealed on July 24 by Saudi Investment Minister Khalid Al-Falih during a business forum held in Damascus, Caliber.Az reports, referring to foreign media. The package represents a major financial lifeline for Sharaa, who is working to consolidate authority in a nation still grappling with instability, including recent sectarian clashes in the southwest. Al-Falih stated that his visit to Syria was made under the directive of Saudi Crown Prince and de facto ruler Mohammed bin Salman. He described the trip as a demonstration of "the kingdom's firm and supportive stance towards sisterly Syria." According to Al-Falih, the investment plan allocates \$2.93 billion to real estate and infrastructure development and another \$1.07 billion to the telecommunications and information technology sectors. Major firms involved include Saudi Telecom Company (STC), GO Telecom, digital security firm Elm, cybersecurity provider Cipher, and education technology company Classera.

<https://caliber.az/en/post/saudi-arabia-unveils-6-4-billion-investment-package-for-syria>

World Defence Show 2026 sells 90% of exhibitor space

Arab News, July 28, 2025

The World Defence Show 2026 in Riyadh from Feb. 8 to 12 has sold 90 percent of its exhibition space, according to the organisers. Andrew Pearcey, CEO of the WDS, said: "The overwhelming demand for exhibition space is a testament to the show's growing reputation as a must-attend event for those shaping the next era of defence and global security." He said the presence of WDS officials at the recent International Defence Industry Fair provided "an excellent opportunity to connect with key industry players and highlight the remarkable progress we've made in preparing for WDS 2026." Pearcey was speaking at IDEF 2025 last week in Istanbul where the team met with key Turkish defense stakeholders.

<https://www.arabnews.com/node/2609775/saudi-arabia>

Syria

Syrian government officially requests Türkiye to help strengthen defence, combat terrorism

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Anadolu Agency, July 23, 2025

The Syrian government requested official support from Türkiye to strengthen its defense capacity and combat terror groups, especially ISIS (Daesh), sources in the Turkish National Defence Ministry said. "In line with this request, we continue to

work to provide training, consultancy, and technical support to increase Syria's defence capacity," said the ministry sources. "Türkiye's primary goal is to support Syria's political unity and territorial integrity and to lead efforts to achieve lasting peace in the region," they added. Responding to questions about the clashes in Syria's Suwayda province and Israel's attacks on Damascus, sources said Israel's increasingly intensified strikes have heightened tensions between the Druze community in the southern Suwayda region and the Damascus government. Türkiye maintains its resolute stance on preserving Syria's territorial integrity, ensuring stability, and combating terrorist organizations, sources added.

<https://www.aa.com.tr/en/politics/syrian-government-officially-requests-turkiye-to-help-strengthen-defense-combat-terrorism/3639472>

Türkiye

Türkiye's Aselsan unveils cutting-edge defence tech at IDEF 2025, inks key international deals

Gokhan Ergocun

Anadolu Agency, July 22, 2025

Turkish defence giant Aselsan unveiled its latest products at the International Defence Industry Fair (IDEF) 2025. Aselsan showcased the Goksur VLS Vertical Launch Air Defence System, the Deringoz 100L/300 Autonomous Underwater Vehicle, and the Cenk 350-N 4D Multi-Function Radar at the event. To bolster close-range surface defence, the firm

introduced the Goksur VLS, an advanced missile system capable of countering low-flying threats such as sea-skimming cruise missiles, UAVs, and fast fighter aircraft. Featuring AI-powered fire control, Goksur can simultaneously detect and engage multiple targets under demanding operational conditions. Deringoz is an autonomous vehicle engineered for extended missions in complex maritime environments. The system supports exploration, surveillance, mine countermeasures, and protective functions with autonomous navigation and long-endurance capability. For surveillance and target tracking, Aselsan launched the CENK 4D 2-Axis AESA Multifunctional Radar, a key component of naval situational awareness.

<https://www.aa.com.tr/en/turkiye/turkiyes-aselsan-unveils-cutting-edge-defense-tech-at-idef-2025-inks-key-international-deals/3638873>

Türkiye's CANiK signs defense deals with Pakistan, Bangladesh, Azerbaijan at IDEF 2025

Turkiye Today, July 25, 2025

Turkish defence manufacturer SYS Group has signed agreements and memoranda of understanding with Pakistan, Bangladesh, and Azerbaijan during the 17th International Defence Industry Fair (IDEF 2025), further cementing its position as a trusted global supplier of small arms and defence systems. The Samsun-based company, known for its flagship firearms brand CANiK, held high-level talks with international delegates and defence

officials throughout the event. The meetings resulted in several strategic agreements that reflect Türkiye's growing defence industry outreach. Azerbaijan's Ministry of Defense formally initiated a procurement process for 9x19 mm pistols and related accessories developed by CANiK. A letter of intent was signed during the fair, marking the beginning of a structured collaboration process. Both sides expressed mutual goodwill and a commitment to sustainable defense cooperation.

<https://www.turkiyetoday.com/nation/turkiye-canik-signs-defense-deals-with-pakistan-bangladesh-and-azerbaijan-at-idef-20-3204658>

Azerbaijani firm RD smart debuts high-maneuver qirghi strike drone at IDEF 2025 with anti-jamming tech.

Global Defense News, 30 July, 2025

Unveiled for the first time during IDEF 2025 in Istanbul, the Qirghi Striking Unmanned Aerial Vehicle from Azerbaijani firm RD Smart represents a bold evolution in short-range drone warfare. Compact yet powerful, this tactical UAV has been designed to operate under the most extreme conditions, including GPS denial and electromagnetic interference, where speed, precision, and survivability define success. The Qirghi stands out not just as a tool of strike precision but as a symbol of Azerbaijan's ambitions in the field of autonomous weapon systems amid a growing regional UAV race. The Qirghi is a high-maneuverability strike drone that integrates

advanced vision systems, precision sensors, and an anti-jamming algorithm tailored for contested electromagnetic environments. Weighing 850 grams and carrying a 210g C4-class warhead, the drone has an endurance of up to 20 minutes and can operate within a 5 km range. Its operating speed peaks at 140 km/h with a standard flight speed of 100 km/h and a ceiling of 3,500 meters above sea level. Compact (26x26x12 cm) and backpack-transportable (in a 60x50x15 cm container), the Qirghi can be deployed rapidly by individual operators with a 2.5 kg backpack system.

<https://armyrecognition.com/news/aerospace-news/2025/azerbaijani-firm-rd-smart-debuts-high-maneuver-qirghi-strike-drone-at-idef-2025-with-anti-jamming-tech>

United Arab Emirates

ENEC, Framatome sign nuclear fuel supply agreement for Barakah Plant

Zawya, July 17, 2025

The Emirates Nuclear Energy Company (ENEC) and Framatome have signed a fuel supply agreement for the supply of nuclear fuel assemblies and engineering services for the Barakah Nuclear Energy Plant in the UAE. The agreement is a key step in ENEC's long-term strategy to diversify its fuel supply chain, enhancing energy security by ensuring an uninterrupted supply of 24/7 carbon-free power from the Barakah Nuclear Energy Plant to businesses, industries and homes across the UAE. Under the agreement, Framatome will supply complete nuclear fuel assemblies for use at the Barakah Plant.

Framatome brings decades of experience in nuclear fuel manufacturing and innovation, making it a strategic partner to further strengthen the resilience and flexibility of ENEC's fuel supply chain and ensure the plant's continued excellence in nuclear power generation.

<https://www.zawya.com/en/business/energy/enec-framatome-sign-nuclear-fuel-supply-agreement-for-barakah-plant-i3ipl9nn>

Shifting sands: The UAE is solidifying its global crypto takeover

Khaleej Times, July 17, 2025

The Middle East is not taking a back seat in the digital revolution. Once it banked on its natural resources like oil, today, it leads in the digital asset sphere. Europe and the USA are the spark that ignited the crypto adoption race, but it is Middle Eastern countries like the UAE that now hold the torch. The Western hemisphere has had crypto regulations for some time now, and authorities are updating digital asset regulations in 2025. However, unlike the UAE (with its well-thought-out planning), jurisdictions like the EU are running headlong into a quagmire. Markets in crypto-assets (MiCA), payment services directive (PSD2), transfer of fund regulations (TFR), and other rules meant to smooth out wrinkles are more of a hindrance.

<https://www.khaleejtimes.com/business/shifting-sands-the-uae-is-solidifying-its-global-crypto-takeover>

The UAE peaceful nuclear energy program: Unwavering transparency establishes global leadership

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Gulfnews, July 23, 2025

The UAE peaceful nuclear energy program: Unwavering transparency establishes global leadership. The United Arab Emirates has firmly established itself as a global role model in the safe development of nuclear energy, following the launch of its Peaceful Nuclear Energy Program. Built on a robust foundation, the program has, over the span of a decade, become a benchmark for nations seeking to incorporate nuclear energy into their energy mix. A key pillar underpinning the development of the Barakah Nuclear Energy Plants by the Emirates Nuclear Energy Corporation (ENEC) is the program's unwavering commitment to transparency. This commitment was reaffirmed by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in its 2024 report, which granted the UAE the rating of "Full Transparency" for the third consecutive year—underscoring the nation's steadfast compliance with international non-proliferation agreements and the peaceful use of nuclear energy. From its inception, the UAE's Peaceful Nuclear Energy Program was guided by the forward-thinking vision of the country's leadership. In April 2008, the UAE issued the "Policy of the United Arab Emirates on the Evaluation and Potential Development of Peaceful Nuclear Energy," which outlined key principles such as full transparency, the highest standards of safety and security, a strong commitment to nuclear non-

proliferation, and close cooperation with international bodies—particularly the IAEA.

<https://gulfnnews.com/uae/the-uae-peaceful-nuclear-energy-program-unwavering-transparency-establishes-global-leadership-1.500208205>

UAE concludes distinguished participation at IDEF 2025

Aljundi, July 27, 2025

On July 27, the 17th edition of the International Defence Industry Fair (IDEF 2025) successfully concluded its activities in Istanbul, Türkiye, marking a key milestone in global defence collaboration. The six-day exhibition hosted over 400 international defence companies from 44 countries, alongside leading Turkish defence manufacturers, highlighting the latest in defence innovation and strategic technologies. IDEF 2025 welcomed high-level delegations including ministers from 33 countries, over 120 deputy ministers, chiefs of staff, and military leaders, making it one of the most significant gatherings of defence decision-makers globally.

<https://www.aljundi.ae/en/uae-concludes-distinguished-participation-at-idef-2025/exhibitions-and-conferences/>

Yemen

Israeli military is attacking Houthi targets in Yemen's Hodeidah port

Florion Goga

Al-monitor, July 21, 2025

The Israeli military is attacking Houthi targets in Yemen's Hodeidah port, Israeli

Defence Minister Israel Katz. Katz said the army is "forcefully countering any attempt to restore the terror infrastructure previously attacked". Since Israel's war in Gaza against the Palestinian militant group Hamas began in October 2023, the Iran-aligned Houthis have been attacking vessels in the Red Sea in what they say are acts of solidarity with the Palestinians. Israel has responded by launching attacks on Houthis, who control the most populous part of Yemen, including the vital Hodeidah port. "As I have made clear – Yemen's fate is the same as Tehran's. The Houthis will pay a heavy price for launching missiles toward the State of Israel," Katz said.

<https://www.al-monitor.com/originals/2025/07/israeli-military-attacking-houthi-targets-yemens-hodeidah-port>

Yemeni rebels target Israel's main airport with hypersonic weapon

Caliber, July 22, 2025

Yemen's Houthi movement, also known as Ansar Allah, announced that its forces had carried out a missile strike targeting Ben Gurion Airport near Tel Aviv, using what it described as a "Palestine-2" hypersonic ballistic missile. The claim was made on July 22 by Houthi military spokesperson Yahya Saree and was broadcast by the group's affiliated Al Masirah network. Saree stated that the strike was part of a "special military operation" directed at Lod Airport, which houses the Ben Gurion facility. The Israel Defence Forces (IDF) confirmed the interception of a missile launched from Yemeni territory but reported no casualties or damage.

According to the IDF, the missile was successfully neutralised before it could impact Israeli territory. At 5:50 a.m. local time, air raid sirens—known in Hebrew as “Tzeva Adom”—were activated across central Israel. The alerts were heard in Tel Aviv, Beit Shemesh, Kiryat Gat, and Ashdod. Ben Gurion Airport briefly suspended operations during the alert but resumed service shortly afterward. No missile debris was found near the airport, and the facility sustained no damage.

<https://caliber.az/en/post/yemeni-rebels-target-israel-s-main-airport-with-hypersonic-weapon>

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