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US boosts Israel aid by half a billion

US Congress approves USD 500 million for development of joint defense systems with Is projects include development of short-range interception system

Yitzhak Benhorin
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(WASHINGTON) The US congress has approved a USD million aid package for the development of joint defense with [Israel](#) .

The package was approved as part of the USD 447.6 bi defense budget for 2007, which includes USD 70 billion war in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The package comes in addition to USD 2.36 billion in m....., granted to Israel by the US each year.

Israeli officials welcomed the move, which they say underlines US confidence in Israel's defense industry.

The bill was passed by the House of Representatives on Thursday.

The Bush administration initially requests a USD 268 million increase to military aid to Israel, but the congress double that amount citing the importance of US-Israeli military cooperation.

USD 20 million of the package will be allocated to developing an interception system for short and medium range missiles. The system, known as David's Sling, will be developed by the Israel Armament Development Authority, Rafael, and US firm Raytheon.

The project is likely to be completed within six years, but both companies hope US and Israeli authorities will allocate the necessary funds for the deployment of interception batteries within a shorter time span.

In addition USD 35.5 million have been allocated to improve Rafael's LITENING airborne targeting pod, which is used by the US and Israeli air forces for precision targeting.


The Israel Aircraft Industry has been allocated USD 26 million to upgrade its Hunter UAV and USD 9.4 million to improve the Pioneer UAV model, a joint venture with a US firm.

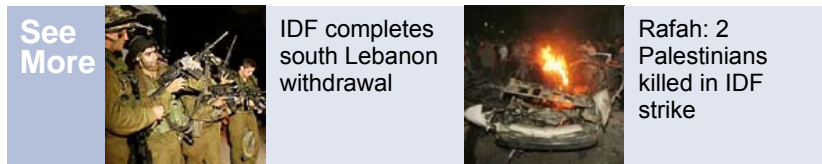
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USD 137 million have been allocated to develop systems to protect armored vehicles and tanks from anti-tank missiles.

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1. What ever we do, we will not survive, we are surrounded .! **(End)**
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2. We got the Worst Military in the world,
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4. nice one...now plans are underway for once **(End)**
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5. Hey Israel...I need a Tax Break!
James, Toledo Oho USA (09.30.06)
6. Israel don't need money, but permission to fight the terror **(End)**
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7. to #1,2,3...your not real israeli...ur ashamed of ur place
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8. to #1,2,3,... work on your english...its sucks **(End)**
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9. Hey, James (#5)
Antonio, Haifa (09.30.06)
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11. I second that #5~ thumbs up for Israel.. **(End)**
NS, Heartland USA (09.30.06)
12. It is a good thing
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13. Stop the illusions and quit the occupation
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15. Necessary
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16. My apologize humans of the earth
American, USA (09.30.06)
17. why?
aaron, ludlow usa (09.30.06)
18. #16 Speak for yourself.
magrudis, Houston, TX (09.30.06)
19. Enjoy!!!! **(End)**
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20. #16
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21. wrong move
Fares, USA (09.30.06)
22. United States Aid to Israel
Ronnie, Gedera, Israel (09.30.06)
23. Money well spent... Send more...
Johnson, USA (09.30.06)
24. #13
mike, t.o. (09.30.06)
25. nonsense, we will succeed but only with hashems help **(End)**
Joe, NY (09.30.06)

26. The Road Map to peace is through war
RA (09.30.06)
27. The pride of WELFARE QUEENS **(End)**
Gene, Raleigh, USA (09.30.06)
28. The extortion continues.
M, Maryland, USA (09.30.06)
29. Should have been a Billion!!
Craig, USA (09.30.06)
30. #1,2,3,.....You aren't fooling anyone
Craig, USA (09.30.06)
31. extortion 28-agree
American, USA (09.30.06)
32. Smart investment by the U.S.
Steve G, Kew Gardens, NYC (09.30.06)
33. To #28, the ignorant!
Sam, Atlanta, GA USA (09.30.06)
34. To # 17
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35. **DID USA have any problem with Arabs**
American, USA (09.30.06)
36. To the self destructing American #35
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37. AMERICA PROVE YOURSELF!
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38. us boosts aid to israel
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39. #5 u also got ur tax break
chanina, us (10.01.06)
40. HMMMM!!!!!!!
mike, nj (10.01.06)
41. 37- get a life
American, USA (09.30.06)
42. 37- we are not the jews dogs
American, USA (09.30.06)
43. #31, watch the generalizations
M, Maryland, USA (10.01.06)
44. #26 is absolutely correct!
NM, Austin, Tx USA (10.01.06)
45. Jews leech off the US taxpayers
Julie Salter, Jew Parasites (10.01.06)
46. #36
AMY, USA (10.01.06)
47. **where American money is being spent**
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48. Isreal your not alone
Norman LeBoon Sr., Philadelphia, Pa US (10.01.06)
49. Isreal needs even more money and support,
some guy, Montreal (10.01.06)
50. Yippee, let's give ALL our money to Israel !
FED UP, North Carolina (10.01.06)
51. Reply to #48 51st state
M, Maryland, USA (10.01.06)
52. half a billion
wunb, usa (10.02.06)