

Australia agrees to buy US Tomahawk missiles to boost long range strike capability

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Australian announced on Monday that the country has finalised an agreement to purchase highly effective long-range weapons from the United States. This move comes as Australia seeks to respond to the increasing military strength of China.

The procurement includes a stockpile of over 200 Tomahawk cruise missiles, with a price tag of \$830 million. According to Australia's defence department, these missiles are among the most advanced weapons.

Australia is currently undertaking a significant transformation of its military capabilities, with a strategic shift toward enhancing long-range strike capacities.

"We are investing in the capabilities our Defence Force needs to hold our adversaries at risk further from our shores and keep Australians safe in the complex and uncertain world in which we live today," Defence Minister Richard Marles said in a statement, reported *AFP*.

The Tomahawk cruise missiles have a strike range of more than 1,000 kilometres (620 miles) and will be carried by the Australian Navy's Hobart Class destroyers.

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