

UN arms embargo on Iran lifted



The UN arms embargo on Iran has expired as part of the 2015 Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) agreement covering Iran's nuclear programme.

The JCPOA set an expiry date for the arms embargo of 18 October 2020, after five years after the adoption of the agreement.

Other restrictions, such as financial transaction and travel restrictions, have also been lifted as part of the agreement.

Iranian Foreign Minister Javad Zarif tweeted that the "normalization of Iran's defense cooperation with the world is a win for the cause of multilateralism and peace and security in our region."

"the Islamic Republic of Iran may procure any necessary arms and equipment from any source without any legal restrictions and solely based on its defensive needs, and may also export defensive armaments based on its own policies," Javad Zarif added in a statement.

The Iranian Foreign Minister added that the country would continue to sustain its policy of self-sufficiency in the field of defense equipment manufacturing. This policy had been in place since the 1980-88 Iran-Iraq War.

"Unconventional arms, weapons of mass destruction, and a buying spree of conventional arms have no place in Iran's defense doctrine. The country's deterrence stems from native knowledge and capability, as well as our people's power and resilience," the statement added.

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