

# US approves €316 million sale of Israel's David's Sling missiles to Finland

**Many European countries looked to Israel for upgrading their defense in the shadow of new threats posed by Russia.**

The Defense Ministry on Thursday night announced that the US had approved its sale of the David's Sling medium-range missile defense system to Finland for €316 million.

Calling the deal "historic," the ministry said that it, and the quasi-private sector producer Rafael, would soon hold a signing ceremony.

A statement from the ministry said that the US State Department had just recently notified Defense Minister Yoav Gallant, Director-General Eyal Zamir, and Director of the (MAFAT) DDR&D Division Danny Gold, of the approval.

Negotiations for the approval were led by the director of DDR&D's Israel Missile Defense Organization, Moshe Patel.

The US approval was needed as its missile defense organization and the American Raytheon defense firm were joint partners in developing David's Sling.

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