

# Historic Defense Agreement between Israel and Germany

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Israel and Germany signed a \$3.5 billion deal for Israel to sell its Arrow 3 hypersonic missile defense system to Germany. This is the largest defense deal between the two countries to date. The Arrow 3 is a missile defense system that is designed to intercept and destroy ballistic missiles outside the earth's atmosphere. It is considered to be one of the most effective missile defense systems in the world. The Arrow 3 missile defense system is a powerful shield that will protect Germany from the threat of ballistic missiles. It is a testament to the strength of the relationship between Israel and Germany that they have partnered on this important defense project. According to Brig. Gen. (res.) Eyal Zamir, director general of the Defense Ministry, the "landmark deal, the largest defense export agreement in our country's history, will propel Israeli defense exports to a new record, following last year's remarkable achievement of \$12.5 billion."

Israel has utilized the system to defend itself against attacks from Iran and Syria since its initial deployment at an Israeli air force facility in 2017. The Arrow 3 system will provide Germany with a much-needed boost to its air defense capabilities. The deal is also a sign of the deepening defense ties between Israel and Germany. The two countries have been cooperating on defense matters for many years, but their cooperation has intensified in recent years due to shared concerns about terrorism. The Arrow 3 deal is a major win for Israel's defense industry. The deal, which is estimated to be worth \$3.5 billion (3.3 billion euros), is the largest ever for Israel's defense sector. It is also a sign of the country's growing status as a global leader in missile defense technology.



The jointly created Arrow 3 missile defense system will be exported to Germany by the United States government, marking the largest-ever single defense contract for Israel. In a statement, the Defense Ministry said that the United States Department of State informed Defense Minister Yoav Gallant and other senior ministry officials that the United States government had approved the sale of the defense system, which had been developed jointly by the Israel Missile Defense Organization and the United States Missile Defense Agency and manufactured by Israel Aerospace Industries. Germany has stated that it anticipates receiving the Arrow 3 system in the final quarter of 2025. To conclude, increasing Israeli-German cooperation and the current deal will boost relations and security between the two countries.