

U.S.-Israel Security Assistance Authorization Act: US Congress Votes \$4 Billion to Israel for 2021

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Congress just voted billions of dollars of U.S. tax money to Israel, No mainstream US media appear to have told Americans that both houses of Congress just voted massive aid to Israel, a tiny country with a long record of [human rights abuses](#), [violations](#) of law, systemic [racism](#), and [damage](#) to [Americans](#).

This works out to over \$7,000 per minute. The legislation passed both houses in such large numbers that Congress can likely override any potential presidential veto. This, despite the fact that George Washington warned that a 'passionate attachment' to a foreign country produces 'a variety of evils...'

[Press release from AIPAC](#) (American Israel Public Affairs Committee)

"AIPAC commends the U.S. Congress for including significant pro-Israel provisions in the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021. These critical provisions will help Israel protect itself against continuing security threats.

[IPN Editor's note: Israel has one of the most powerful militaries in the world and is the only country in the Middle East with [nuclear weapons](#), which US officials are [banned](#) from mentioning.]

"Importantly, the measure includes the United States-Israel Security Assistance Authorization Act of 2020 (S. 3176). This legislation authorizes \$3.3 billion in annual U.S. security assistance to Israel through FY 2028, as called for in the 2016 U.S.-Israel Memorandum of Understanding on security assistance. The legislation also includes key initiatives to galvanize U.S.-Israel cooperation in a variety of military and civilian spheres (major provisions detailed below).

"Beyond the elements of the U.S.-Israel Security Assistance Authorization Act, the bipartisan defense measure authorizes \$500 million in FY 2021 for U.S.-Israel missile defense cooperation with explicit sums for both R&D and procurement for the Iron Dome, David's Sling and Arrow missile defense systems.

"The bill also authorizes the Secretary of Defense to establish a U.S.-Israel Operations-Technology Working Group within the Defense Acquisition Advisory Group to focus on early R&D in key battlefield technology.

"The bill also encourages further U.S.-Israel cooperation in diagnosing and treating victims of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

“In adopting these pro-Israel provisions, AIPAC appreciates the leadership of Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer, Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman Jim Inhofe (R-OK) and Ranking Member Jack Reed (D-RI), Sens. Marco Rubio (R-FL), Chris Coons (D-DE), James Risch (R-ID), Bob Menendez (D-NJ), Ted Cruz (R-TX), Tom Cotton (R-AR) and Gary Peters (D-MI), and House Armed Services Committee Chairman Adam Smith (D-WA) and Ranking Member Mac Thornberry (R-TX), and Reps. Eliot Engel (D-NY), Michael McCaul (R-TX), Ted Deutch (D-FL), Joe Wilson (R-SC), Michael Waltz (R-FL), Frank Pallone (D-NJ), Elaine Luria (D-VA), Lee Zeldin (R-NY) and Chrissy Houlahan (D-PA).

“Major provisions of the U.S.-Israel Security Assistance Authorization Act include:

- Authorizing \$3.3 billion in annual U.S. security assistance to Israel through FY 2028, as called for in the 2016 U.S.-Israel Memorandum of Understanding on security assistance.
- Extending authorization for the U.S. War Reserve Stockpile in Israel through FY 2025 and authorizing an additional \$200 million annually in stocks.
- Lifting current limitations on the transfer of precision-guided munitions (PGMs) to Israel in an emergency and authorizing the President to exceed the current limitation of \$200 million on the transfer of PGMs in a non-emergency setting under certain conditions.
- Authorizing the Secretary of Defense, following study, to establish a directed energy program with Israel.
- Authorizing a total of \$14 million for U.S.-Israel cooperation in energy, water, agriculture, cyber and alternative fuel technologies.
- Authorizing \$6 million over the next three years to finance cooperative projects among the United States, Israel and developing countries.
- Authorizing \$12 million over the next three years for an initiative to enhance partnerships between U.S. and Israeli companies to develop innovative medical projects primarily aimed at detecting, treating and curing COVID.”

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