

# India Doubles Down on Its Military Alliance with Israel

By [Andrew Korybko](#)

Global Research, July 12, 2019

Region: [Asia](#), [Middle East & North Africa](#)

Theme: [Intelligence](#)

*India's \$100 million purchase of 1,000 Barak-8 medium-range surface-to-air missiles and an as-yet unknown number of anti-tank Spike missiles proves that the South Asian state is doubling down on its military alliance with "Israel" and giving its old partner Russia a run for its money.*

The Indian-["Israeli"](#) military alliance is one of the least talked about but most strategically impactful developments of contemporary Eastern Hemispheric geopolitics and it's just intensified after New Delhi made a decision earlier this week to double down on this dimension of its recent pro-Western pivot. The South Asian state is already serving "Israeli" strategic objectives vis-a-vis Iran by [submitting to America's unilateral sanctions pressure](#) and discontinuing its purchase of Iranian oil, which will sooner than later hit the Islamic Republic's budget real hard and exacerbate its ongoing economic crisis, and its [earlier testing](#) of a surface-to-air missile that it jointly produced with the self-professed "Jewish State" also sent an unmistakable signal of intent. Shattering any ambiguity about which side it's on in the [New Cold War](#), India also unprecedentedly voted together with "Israel" to [deprive a Palestinian NGO](#) of consultative status at the UN and dispatched naval and air assets to the Gulf in an operation that's [obviously anti-Iranian to the core](#).

It therefore shouldn't have been too surprising that it just agreed to purchase 1,000 Barak-8 medium-range surface-to-air missiles [for \\$100 million](#) alongside an [as-yet unknown number](#) of anti-tank Spike missiles despite the latter [supposedly failing](#) previous trials. "Israel" defied all expectations to become India's second-largest weapons supplier over the past half-decade, even surpassing the US but still trailing far behind Russia, which made Tel Aviv the world's eight-largest weapons exporter during that period according to the [Stockholm International Peace Research Institute](#) (SIPRI). "Israeli" and the American military sales to India together account for slightly less than half of what Russia provides to the South Asian state, but the writing is on the wall as Moscow's share of the Indian military marketplace [continues to decline](#) in the face of unrelenting competition from its aforementioned two rivals for the loyalty of the world's second-largest arms purchaser. That explains why Russia is so desperately offering its old partner a [slew of deals](#) in an attempt to stem the speed of its sales decline and therefore ensure that its budgetary revenue isn't [disproportionately offset](#) by it.

[Russia and "Israel" are indeed allies](#), but so too are "Israel" and India, and Tel Aviv knows that its heated arms competition with Moscow over New Delhi's ultra-profitable military marketplace isn't going to have any adverse effect on their excellent bilateral relations because it's seen by both parties as an apolitical affair that's "strictly business". Even so, Russia would of course prefer for India to purchase its wares instead of "Israel's", but the

decision to patronize its rival instead is a purely political one that speaks to the sincerity of the South Asian state's pro-Western pivot in recent years. There's no more surefire way of virtue signaling any state's allegiance to the West than to spend [billions of dollars](#) buying "Israeli" weaponry instead of Russia's, which must undoubtedly please the US while simultaneously sending chills down the Iranians' spines after the Islamic Republic horrifyingly realizes that what it previously regarded to be one of its closest partners was really an American-"Israeli" ally this entire time that was just waiting for the right time to go public with its pivot.

\*

Note to readers: please click the share buttons above or below. Forward this article to your email lists. Crosspost on your blog site, internet forums. etc.

*This article was originally published on [Eurasia Future](#).*

*Andrew Korybko is an American Moscow-based political analyst specializing in the relationship between the US strategy in Afro-Eurasia, China's One Belt One Road global vision of New Silk Road connectivity, and Hybrid Warfare. He is a frequent contributor to Global Research.*

*Featured image is from India TV*

The original source of this article is Global Research  
Copyright © [Andrew Korybko](#), Global Research, 2019

---

[Comment on Global Research Articles on our Facebook page](#)

[Become a Member of Global Research](#)

Articles by: [Andrew Korybko](#)

#### About the author:

Andrew Korybko is an American Moscow-based political analyst specializing in the relationship between the US strategy in Afro-Eurasia, China's One Belt One Road global vision of New Silk Road connectivity, and Hybrid Warfare. He is a frequent contributor to Global Research.

**Disclaimer:** The contents of this article are of sole responsibility of the author(s). The Centre for Research on Globalization will not be responsible for any inaccurate or incorrect statement in this article. The Centre of Research on Globalization grants permission to cross-post Global Research articles on community internet sites as long the source and copyright are acknowledged together with a hyperlink to the original Global Research article. For publication of Global Research articles in print or other forms including commercial internet sites, contact: [publications@globalresearch.ca](mailto:publications@globalresearch.ca)  
[www.globalresearch.ca](http://www.globalresearch.ca) contains copyrighted material the use of which has not always been specifically authorized by the copyright owner. We are making such material available to our readers under the provisions of "fair use" in an effort to advance a better understanding of political, economic and social issues. The material on this site is distributed without profit to those

who have expressed a prior interest in receiving it for research and educational purposes. If you wish to use copyrighted material for purposes other than "fair use" you must request permission from the copyright owner.

For media inquiries: [publications@globalresearch.ca](mailto:publications@globalresearch.ca)