

## US foresees \$46 billion in 2011 military sales

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WASHINGTON: The United States plans to export \$46.1 billion in weapons this year, nearly doubling its 2010 figures, officials said.

During the fiscal year 2011, which ends September 30, Washington expects the sales of equipment and military services through its Foreign Military Sales process to grow. About 79 percent of these exports are financed by client countries and organizations, with the remainder funded by US aid programs.

US military equipment sales, confined to about \$10 billion in the early 2000s, tripled to around \$30 billion after 2005.

"From 2005 to 2010, we have delivered through the Foreign Military Sales process \$96 billion worth of equipment, goods and services to partner countries," said Defense Security Cooperation Agency Director Vice Admiral William Landay.

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Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Italy, Norway and the United Kingdom are all participating in the attacks on Moamer Kadhafi's regime.

The rise in exports has led the DSCA to revise its procedures to ensure faster deliveries by determining what type of weapons or other military equipment should be delivered to which country before even being contacted by a client, and purchasing the equipment before it is sold.

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