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Israel, U.S. Say Progress Made in Military Aid Talks, Agreement Expected Soon

Following three days of intensive discussions in Washington, D.C. progress has been made in talks between Israel and the U.S. on the military agreement aid, but the two sides have yet to reach a deal. Senior American and Israeli officials expressed their optimism, telling Haaretz that most of the remaining gaps are technical, and that they believe that an agreement could soon be reached. Talks between the Israeli delegation and the senior American team took off on Monday at the White House. The talks ended overnight on Wednesday, with both sides conveying optimism: "We've made progress and closed many of the remaining gaps. We hope soon to be able to reach final agreement," said one American official. A senior Israeli official made a similar statement. "Progress has been made and gaps were closed," he said. "Israel and the U.S. hope to reach an agreement soon."