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Defense Ministry begins installing David's Sling missile defense

The Defense Ministry said Tuesday it had started delivering the David's Sling missile defense system to the Israel Air Force ahead of the full deployment of the weapon, which is designed to protect Israel from medium-range rockets, reports The Times of Israel. "After a series of concluding trials of the David's Sling aerial defense system, Israel's Missile Defense Organization at the Defense Ministry, together with the U.S. Missile Defense Agency, began delivering major components of the system to the Israeli Air Force," the ministry said in a statement. "David's Sling will allow Israel to more effectively defend against the wide range of current and future threats to its civilians," the ministry added. During the tests, multiple simulated targets were intercepted by the system's Stunner interceptor missiles in realistic, real-time engagements. Those targets included ballistic missiles, which are fired with a set trajectory, as well as more maneuverable aircraft.