

Israel Update

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Largest-ever U.S. military aid package to go to Israel

The Obama administration is upping aid to Israel as part of the largest pledge of military assistance in U.S. history. Israel is set to get about \$38 billion over 10 years, according to congressional and administration sources, up from the approximately \$30 billion decade-long deal that expires in 2018. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) sealing the arrangement was signed Wednesday at the U.S. State Department, reports CNN. "It's an important message to the region that nobody should misread the differences between the U.S. and Israel when it comes to Iran or policy differences when it comes to the Palestinians," said David Makovsky, director of the Project on the Middle East Peace Process at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy. "At the core, the U.S. remains very committed to Israel's long-term security."

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