

Israel is India's main arms supplier

Jerusalem, November 09: Israel has become India's No. 1 supplier of arms and ammunitions, overtaking Russia. Bulk of supplies constitute about 50 percent of Israel's defence exports and about 30 percent of India's imports.

Israel has supplied a range of defence products, including Barak missiles, assault rifles, night fighting devices, radar network, hi-tech electronic warfare systems and information technology related equipments.

The Indian Air Force last May received the first of the three Phalcon airborne early warning radar systems (AWACS) from Israel as part of a 1.1 billion USD deal in a big boost to its surveillance capabilities in the region.

The next delivery is expected in the first quarter of next year.

India is interested in working with Israel on submarine-launched cruise missiles, ballistic missile defense systems, laser-guided systems, satellites as well as unmanned aerial vehicles.

Israel and India move close for their military ties, Army Chief General Deepak Kapoor arrived in Jerusalem on a three day key visit scheduled to hold talks with top military officials.

General Kapoor will hold discussions with senior defence officials as part of regular ongoing exchanges to tighten bilateral defence ties.

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