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## **Saudi Arabia – F-15SA Aircraft**

WASHINGTON, October 20, 2010 – The Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress today of a possible Foreign Military Sale to the Government of Saudi Arabia of:

84	F-15SA Aircraft
170	APG-63(v)3 Active Electronically Scanned Array Radar (AESA) radar sets
193	F-110-GE-129 Improved Performance Engines
100	M61 Vulcan Cannons
100	Link-16 Multifunctional Information Distribution System/Low Volume Terminal (MIDS/LVT) and spares
193	LANTIRN Navigation Pods (3 <sup>rd</sup> Generation-Tiger Eye)
338	Joint Helmet Mounted Cueing Systems (JHMCS)
462	AN/AVS-9 Night Vision Goggles (NVGS)
300	AIM-9X SIDEWINDER Missiles
25	Captive Air Training Missiles (CATM-9X)
25	Special Air Training Missiles (NATM-9X)
500	AIM-120C/7 Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missiles (AMRAAM)
25	AIM-120 CATMs
1,000	Dual Mode Laser/Global Positioning System (GPS) Guided Munitions (500 lb)
1,000	Dual Mode Laser/GPS Guided Munitions (2000 lb)
1,100	GBU-24 PAVEWAY III Laser Guided Bombs (2000 lb)
1,000	GBU-31B V3 Joint Direct Attack Munitions (JDAM) (2000 lb)
1,300	CBU-105D/B Sensor Fuzed Weapons (SFW)/Wind Corrected Munitions Dispenser (WCMD)
50	CBU-105 Inert
1,000	MK-82 500lb General Purpose Bombs
6,000	MK-82 500lb Inert Training Bombs
2,000	MK-84 2000lb General Purpose Bombs
2,000	MK-84 2000lb Inert Training Bombs
200,000	20mm Cartridges
400,000	20mm Target Practice Cartridges
400	AGM-84 Block II HARPOON Missiles
600	AGM-88B HARM Missiles

169	Digital Electronic Warfare Systems (DEWS)
158	AN/AAQ-33 Sniper Targeting Systems
169	AN/AAS-42 Infrared Search and Track (IRST) Systems
10	DB-110 Reconnaissance Pods
462	Joint Helmet Mounted Cueing System Helmets
40	Remotely Operated Video Enhanced Receivers (ROVER)
80	Air Combat Maneuvering Instrumentation Pods

Also included are the upgrade of the existing Royal Saudi Air Force (RSAF) fleet of seventy (70) F-15S multi-role fighters to the F-15SA configuration, the provision for CONUS-based fighter training operations for a twelve (12) F-15SA contingent, construction, refurbishments, and infrastructure improvements of several support facilities for the F-15SA in-Kingdom and/or CONUS operations, RR-188 Chaff, MJU-7/10 Flares, training munitions, Cartridge Actuated Devices/Propellant Actuated Devices, communication security, site surveys, trainers, simulators, publications and technical documentation, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistical support services, and other related elements of logistical and program support. The estimated cost is \$29.432 billion.

This proposed sale will enhance the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States by strengthening our on-going strategically important relationship with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA).

For the past twenty years the F-15 has been a cornerstone of the relationship between the U.S. Air Force (USAF) and the RSAF. The procurement of the F-15SA, the conversion of the F-15S fleet to a common configuration, and the CONUS training contingent will provide interoperability, sustained professional contacts, and common ground for training and support well into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

The F-15SA will help deter potential aggressors by increasing Saudi's tactical air force capability to defend KSA against regional threats. The CONUS-based contingent would improve interoperability between the USAF and the RSAF. This approach will meet Saudi's self-defense requirements and continue to foster the long-term military-to-military relationship between the United States and the KSA. Saudi Arabia, which currently has the F-15 in its inventory, will have no difficulty absorbing the F-15SA aircraft into its armed forces.

The proposed sale of this service will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

This notice of a potential sale is required by law and does not mean the sale has been concluded.