

Iraq to buy \$26 billion worth of armaments from United States

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Is this a real sale? Who will control these weapons? Developing a proxy Iraqi force controlled by the US-NATO alliance? Building up Iraq's external debt.

What is the significance of this transaction? How does it affect the broader geopolitics of Central Asia and the Middle East. Does this constitute a military build-up directed against Iran?

Abu Dhabi: Iraq will buy armaments worth \$13 billion from the United States by 2013 and will spend another \$13 bn on weapons later, a Baghdad newspaper reported citing an Iraqi Defense Ministry spokesman.

Al Ittihad quoted Major General Mohammed Al Askari as saying that Iraq has already concluded a contract worth more than \$13 bn with the United States.

The money will be used to buy aircraft, helicopters, tanks, other armored vehicles, warships and missiles, to enter service with the Iraqi defense and interior ministries.

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