

Largest Military Aid in Israel's History: \$705 Million for Missile "Defence" Programmes

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*Israeli **Defence Minister Avigdor Lieberman** said that the US Congress had approved the largest defence aid contribution for Israel since it was created in 1948, Quds Press reported yesterday.*

On Twitter, he wrote:

"I am pleased to announce that the US Congress has approved a record amount for missile defence. \$705 million in 2018. We will continue to develop the multi-tier missile defence system."

American media reported that Congress approved the \$705.8 million for missile defence programmes, noting that this is \$105 million more than last year's funding.

Lieberman went on to thank the US which he described as a "great friend" of Israel, noting that it invested \$6.5bn to defend the skies of Israel.

In 2016, the US approved a \$38 billion ten-year aid package for Israel, the highest ever agreed. According to the [Christian Science Monitor](#), Israel cost the US \$1.6 trillion between 1973 and 2002.

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