

U.S. Wants To Incorporate India Into Global Missile Shield

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Washington: Weeks after offering to sell its F-35 fifth generation fighter jets, the US said on Wednesday it was open to work with India on joint development of a ballistic missile shield.

The offer was made by deputy assistant secretary of defence Robert Scher who said that the Indo-US defence ties were valuable and critical not only for the security and stability of the region, but globally.

“We are really open to it. And this is something we ask to and ask them if they are interested in it,” Scher said on collaboration on the missile shield project, emphasizing that US “is and will be a dependable weapons supplier to India.”

The top Pentagon official disclosed that Washington and New Delhi had been involved in crucial discussion on the ballistic missile shield, adding that the US was looking forward to “restart” the dialogue. Scher added that Washington was still awaiting India’s response.

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