

Biden Approves Another \$8 Billion Arms Sale to Israel as Genocide Continues

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The president has used his final days in office to guarantee the continuation of Israel's genocidal assault in Gaza.

U.S. President Joe Biden arrives on the South Lawn of the White House as he returns to Washington, D.C., from Camp David, on January 2, 2025.

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The administration of US President Joe Biden announced on Saturday an arms sale to [Israel](#) valued at \$8 billion, just ahead of President-elect Donald Trump's return to the White House.

Biden has repeatedly rejected calls to suspend military backing for Israel because of the number of civilians killed during the war in [Gaza](#). Israel has killed more than 45,000 people in Gaza, primarily women and children.

The sale includes medium-range air-to-air missiles, 155mm projectile artillery shells for long-range targeting, Hellfire AGM-114 missiles, 500-pound bombs, and more.

Human rights groups, former State Department officials, and Democratic lawmakers have urged the Biden administration to halt arms sales to Israel, citing violations of US laws, including the Leahy Law, as well as international laws and human rights.

The Leahy Law, named after former Sen. Patrick Leahy, requires the US to withhold military assistance from foreign military or law enforcement units if there is credible evidence of human rights violations.

The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), the nation's most significant Muslim civil rights and advocacy organization, today called Biden's new \$8 billion arms deal "racist" and "sociopathic."

Multiple human rights organizations and international bodies have accused Israel of committing genocide in Gaza. The International Criminal Court (ICC) issued arrest warrants for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and former Defense Minister Yoav Gallant for committing war crimes.

The US is, by far, the biggest supplier of weapons to Israel, having helped it build one of the most technologically sophisticated militaries in the world.

CAIR National Executive Director Nihad Awad [said](#) on Saturday:

"We strongly condemn the Biden administration for its unbelievable and criminal decision to send another \$8 billion worth of American weapons to the government of indicted war criminal Benjamin Netanyahu instead of using American leverage to force an end to the genocide in Gaza.

"Only racists who do not view people of color as equally human, and sociopaths who delight in funding mass slaughter, could send Netanyahu even more bombs while his government openly kidnaps doctors, destroys hospitals, and exterminates the last survivors in northern Gaza.

"If President Biden is actually the person who approved this new \$8 billion arms sale, then he is a war criminal who belongs in a cell at The Hague alongside Netanyahu. But if Antony Blinken, Brett McGurk, Jake Sullivan, and other aides are making these unconscionable decisions as shadow presidents, then anyone with a conscience in the administration should speak up now about their abuses of power."

According to the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), the US accounted for 69% of Israel's imports of major conventional arms between 2019 and 2023.

On the other hand, incoming President-elect [Donald Trump](#) has also pledged unwavering support for Israel and

has never committed to supporting an independent Palestinian state.

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