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Oman – Sale of F-16 C/D Fighters

On 4 October, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Oman of F-16 C/D Fighters, associated weapons and equipment and technical and logistical support for the fighters.

The Government of Oman has requested a possible sale of 12 F-16C/D Block 50+ aircraft with either the F100-PW-229 or F110-GE-129 engine and APG-68(V)XM FMS radars; two spare F100-PW-229 or two spare F110-GE-129 engines; 14 LANTIRN Targeting Pods (FMS variant); 14 LANTIRN Navigation Pods with Terrain Following Radar (TFR); 50 AIM-120C Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missiles (AMRAAM) and 10 AMRAAM training missiles; 100 AIM-9M-8/9 SIDEWINDER missiles and 10 SIDEWINDER training missiles; 80 AGM-65D/G MAVERICK missiles and 10 MAVERICK training missiles; 20 AGM-84D HARPOON Air-Launched Anti-ship missiles; 100 Enhanced-GBU-10 and 100 Enhanced-GBU-12 PAVEWAY II laser guided bomb kits; 80 GBU-31/32 Joint Direct Attack Munitions; LANTIRN Night Vision Goggle compatible cockpits; and the capability to employ a wide variety of munitions. Associated support equipment, software development/integration, modification kits, spares and repair parts, flight test instrumentation, publications and technical documentation, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor technical and logistics personnel services, and other related requirements to ensure full program supportability will also be provided. The estimated cost is \$1,120 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of a friendly country which has been and continues to be an important force for political stability and economic progress in Middle East.

The proposed sale will strengthen the military ties between the U.S. and the Sultanate of Oman. Strategically located at the Strait of Hormuz, in the Persian Gulf, Oman has been a U.S. ally for over thirty years. Oman's active participation during the Gulf crisis and their willingness to allow access to port facilities and air bases make them vital to any coalition success in the region. This proposed sale will strengthen Oman as a coalition partner by providing greater interoperability with U.S., and other coalition forces in the region. The proposed sale of these F-16 aircraft will allow the Omani Air Force to maintain a strong defense while it continues its plans to reduce its inventory of aging British aircraft.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not affect the basic military balance in the region.

The prime contractor will be Lockheed Martin Tactical Aircraft Systems of Fort Worth, Texas. There are no offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this sale will require the assignment of approximately five U.S. Government representatives to Oman for approximately two years to assist in the delivery, acceptance, and deployment of the aircraft. There will be five U.S. Government and three contractor representatives for one-week intervals, twice annually, to participate in program management and technical reviews.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.