



## Security Assistance Monitor Special Report – November 10, 2025:

### Arming the UAE as it Arms Atrocities in Sudan

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*The United States is a top foreign arms supplier to the United Arab Emirates (UAE). While the security relationship between the two countries has grown ever closer under both Presidents Trump and Biden, [reports](#) of the UAE's supply of arms to the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) carrying out [mass atrocities](#) in the Sudanese war has led to calls to re-examine US security assistance to the UAE. This report details the volume and types of US military weapons trade with the UAE in recent years.*

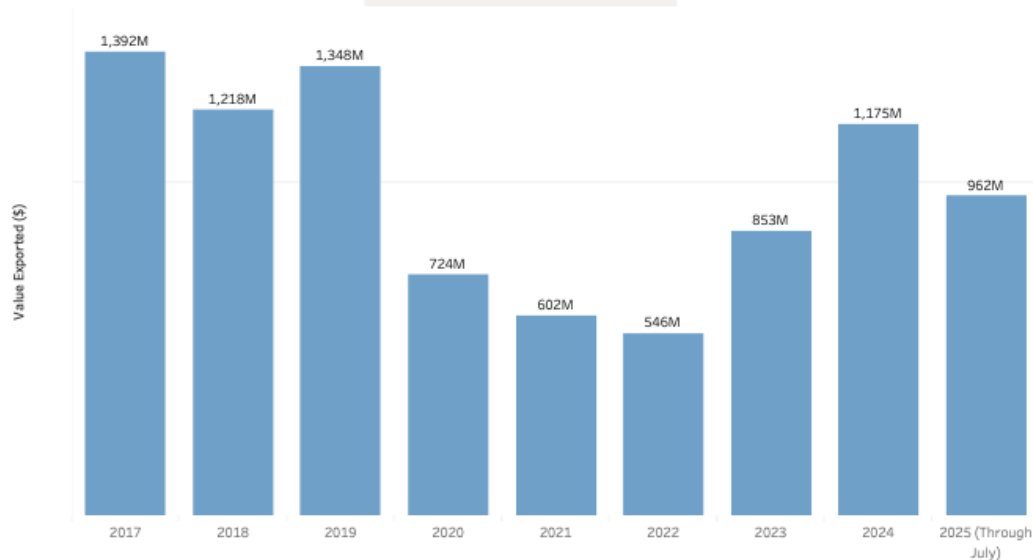
#### Volume of Recent US Arms Shipments to the UAE

Since the beginning of the first Trump Administration, the United States has exported nearly nine billion dollars in weapons to the UAE.

### Military Weapon Exports to the UAE

Total 2017-July 2025:

**\$8.820B**



Source: U.S. Census Automated Export System

However, these completed exports do not tell the complete story of the scope of US arms sales to the UAE, as billions more have been notified to Congress or authorized by the State Department for sale in the same time period, much of which is likely to be exported in coming years.

## U.S. Military Weapon Sales to the UAE Summary 2017 - 2024

Program	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Congressional Notifications	\$2,838.1M	\$1,032.8M	\$5,067.9M	\$24,076.0M	—	\$3,496.4M	\$170.0M	\$1,344.0M	\$1,450.0M
Deliveries (Exports via Census Automated Export System)	\$1,391.8M	\$1,218.4M	\$1,348.0M	\$724.5M	\$601.6M	\$546.1M	\$853.1M	\$1,174.8M	\$962.2M
Direct Commercial Sales Authorizations (State Department 655 Report)	\$1,133.1M	\$1,548.1M	\$2,046.8M	\$767.6M	\$1,997.7M	\$663.7M	\$440.2M	\$1,093.9M	Not Available

## Types of Arms and other Military Equipment Exported

The United States provides a vast array of military supplies to the UAE, including advanced arms systems and an increasing number of unmanned aerial vehicles, or drones.

## U.S. Military Weapon Exports to the UAE 2017 - July 2025

Source: U.S. Census Automated Export System

Military Export Category	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025 (Through July)
Arms, Ammunition, and Parts	\$903.3M	\$633.8M	\$804.7M	\$445.0M	\$388.7M	\$226.6M	\$338.8M	\$562.7M	\$732.2M
Aircraft, Spacecraft, And Parts Thereof	\$237.2M	\$191.8M	\$198.0M	\$135.6M	\$129.4M	\$195.7M	\$342.8M	\$247.5M	\$157.5M
Electrical Machinery and Equipment	\$131.5M	\$245.6M	\$249.1M	\$5.1M	\$3.7M	\$4.0M	\$15.3M	\$36.3M	\$2.2M
Nuclear Reactors, Boilers, Machinery and Mechanical Appliances, and Parts	\$94.6M	\$124.1M	\$69.5M	\$105.1M	\$75.3M	\$109.1M	\$115.9M	\$277.6M	\$31.5M
Military Vehicles	\$5.7M	\$7.0M	\$6.2M	\$14.5M	\$1.5M	\$4.2M	\$21.5M	\$37.2M	\$28.5M
Military Optical Equipment (Binoculars, Telescopes, etc.)	\$1.6M	\$0.5M	\$3.3M	\$8.1M	\$0.2M	\$0.8M	\$1.2M	\$5.3M	\$1.2M
Explosives, Pyrotechnics, Matches, Pyro Alloys, etc.	\$17.8M	\$15.5M	\$17.2M	\$11.1M	\$2.7M	\$5.6M	\$17.6M	\$8.3M	\$9.0M

## Policy Considerations

While there is no indication that the arms the UAE has reportedly supplied to the RSF are sourced from the United States, American lawmakers and civil society groups are concerned that continuing the export of weapons to the Emirates as it is accused of fueling what the US government has deemed a genocide undermines both U.S. interests and international humanitarian law. Legislation introduced earlier in the year in both chambers of Congress to block arms sales to the UAE is rightly getting [renewed attention](#). Absent the success of ceasefire efforts now underway, future weapons sales to the UAE that are large enough to require a congressional notification under existing law are likely to—and should—meet resistance in the form of new Joint Resolutions of Disapproval attempting to block those sales.