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## **Egypt – Sale of Extended Range Multiple Launch Rocket System (MLRS)**

On 24 August, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale of equipment and services to support a possible sale of Extended Range Multiple Launch Rocket Systems (MLRS) to the Government of Egypt.

The Government of Egypt has requested the possible sale of 26 Extended Range-Multiple Launch Rocket Systems (ER-MLRS) with fire control panels, 485 ER-MLRS rocket pods (six rockets per pod), 22 reduced range practice rocket pods (six rockets per pod), one MLRS fire control proficiency trainer, three M88A2 recovery vehicles, 30 M577A2 command post carriers, 29 AN/VRC-89E, 57 AN/VRC-90E, and 60 AN/VRC-92E SINCGARS radios, training and test devices, trucks, missile systems software, U.S. Government and contractor engineering and logistics services, a U.S. Government Quality Assurance Team, spare and repair parts, personnel training and training equipment, publications and technical data, a Cooperative Logistics Supply Support Arrangement, support equipment, maintenance support of repairable material and other related elements of program support. The estimated cost is \$354 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 of the ER-MLRS will enable the Egypt Army to continue developing a defensive area fire capability to counter hostile long range artillery and rocket systems as well as enhance its interoperability with U.S. forces. Egypt needs the SINCGARS radios to fulfill its strategic commitments for complete communications interoperability and standardization of equipment and to be able to communicate with its various vehicles and the U.S. forces. Egypt will have no difficulty absorbing these surface-to-surface missiles in its armed forces.

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 Missile and Fire Control of Dallas, Texas. There are no offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of a Quality Assurance team and one contractor representative for two weeks to assist in the delivery and deployment of the ER-MLRS to Egypt.

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