

Russia Signs S-400 Missiles Deal With Saudi Arabia

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S-400 (Dmitry Rogulin / ITAR-TASS)

Russia has signed a deal with Saudi Arabia for the delivery of anti-aircraft missiles after initial confusion over whether the deal took place or not.

The sale of the S-400 surface-to-air missile systems follows King Salman's [visit](#) to Moscow last Thursday. A preliminary agreement was also [reportedly](#) reached to buy anti-tank guided missile systems, multiple rocket launchers, as well as to organize production of the Kalashnikov automatic rifle in Saudi Arabia.

The following day, the U.S. Defense Security Cooperation Agency [announced](#) \$15 billion in weapons sales to Riyadh.

On Monday, the state-run RIA Novosti news agency [confirmed](#) the S-400 deal, citing a spokesperson for Russia's Federal Service for Military-Technical Cooperation. The head of Russian state-owned corporation Rostec [estimated](#) in July the value of the arms deal at \$3.5

billion.

In another move widely seen as a snub to NATO, Turkey also [purchased](#) S-400 weapons from Russia last month.

Russia is the world's second largest [weapons exporter](#) with total sales exceeding \$15 billion annually.

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