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Qatar - AN/AAQ-24(V)
Large Aircraft Infrared Countermeasures (LAIRCM) Systems

WASHINGTON, May 15, 2013 – The Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress May 14 of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Qatar for two AN/AAQ-24(V) Large Aircraft Infrared Countermeasures (LAIRCM) Systems and associated equipment, parts, training and logistical support for an estimated cost of \$110 million.

The Government of Qatar has requested a possible sale of 2 AN/AAQ-24(V) Large Aircraft Infrared Countermeasures (LAIRCM) Systems for B747-800 Aircraft, 11 Small Laser Transmitter Assemblies, 3 System Processors/Repeaters, 14 AN/AAR-54 Missile Warning Sensors, User Data Module Cards and Control Interface Units, Multi-role Electro-Optic End-to-End test set, Card Memory, Smart Cards, and Support Equipment, Consumables, and Flight Test/Certification. Also included are tools and test equipment, support equipment, spare and repair parts, publications and technical documents, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor technical assistance, and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated cost is \$110 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 the Middle East.

Qatar requests these capabilities to provide for the protection of its head-of-state aircraft fleet. LAIRCM will provide increased protection from missile threats. The proposed purchase of LAIRCM will enhance the safety of Qatar's political leadership, promoting stability and global engagement of a friendly country.

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

The prime contractor will be Northrop Grumman Corporation of Rolling Meadows, Illinois. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require U.S. Government or contractor representatives to travel to Qatar for a period of 10 years to provide program and technical support and training.

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

This notice of a potential sale is required by law and does not mean the sale has been concluded.