

D'AMATO OPPOSES SALE OF ADVANCED WEAPONRY TO JORDAN

U.S. Senator Alfonse D'Amato (R-C-NY) today voiced his strong opposition to the sale of advanced weaponry to Jordan, saying that such an act "would contribute to the further destabilization of the Middle East."

According to D'Amato, the Administration is reportedly considering the sale of sophisticated fighter aircraft to King Hussein of Jordan. Included in this package would either be F-5G's or F-16's, portable Stinger anti-aircraft missiles, Sidewinder air-to-air missiles, as well as laser-guided bombs.

"Such a sale would substantially enhance the offensive capabilities of the Arab state which remains hostile to Israel, our most stable ally in the region," argued D'Amato. "The sale of advanced equipment to Jordan would seriously jeopardize the security of Israel."

The Senator said the sale of advanced weaponry would enable Jordan, a nation which borders Israel, to conduct surprise air attacks against Israel. He indicated that the F-5G, designed to carry Sidewinders, could easily be integrated into the AWACS, a highly sophisticated radar system which was sold to Saudi Arabia in 1981 at the objection of D'Amato and other congressional leaders.

"Despite speculation that King Hussein might eventually agree to participate in the Camp David process, Hussein remains adamant in his refusal to engage in direct negotiations with Israel," said D'Amato.

The Senator also noted that during his recent trip to Washington, King Hussein made it clear to Administration officials he intends to further enhance the Jordanian arsenal, which already includes many arms supplied by the Soviet Union.

"It is important to note the recent increase in Soviet activity in the region, most notably in its efforts to rearm Syria," D'Amato said. "Today, an estimated 5,000 Soviet 'technical advisors' are stationed in that country. Soviet presence in the Middle East raises the serious possibility that U.S. advanced military technology could fall into the hands of our most ardent opponent."

The Senator emphasized that he would not encourage that participation in the Camp David peace process be linked with any sort of arms deal with Jordan, indicating that such a policy would only exacerbate the tensions which already exist in the region.

"A similar suggestion was put forward with respect to Saudi Arabia and despite the sale of the AWACS aircraft system to the Saudis, they have remained as intransigent and unwilling as ever on the subject of peace."

Senator D'Amato is the co sponsor of S. Res. 72, a resolution of disapproval on the sale of advanced weaponry to Jordan.

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"The increase is more than I had expected," noted Registrar Jeff Halverson. "I thought we would be doing well if we were up by 3 percent."

Women continue to outnumber men at the university -- 5,797 to 5,381. Of the 8,462 regular students enrolled spring semester, 6,570 are Nevada residents, 1,734 are residents of other states, and 158 represent 53 foreign countries.

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