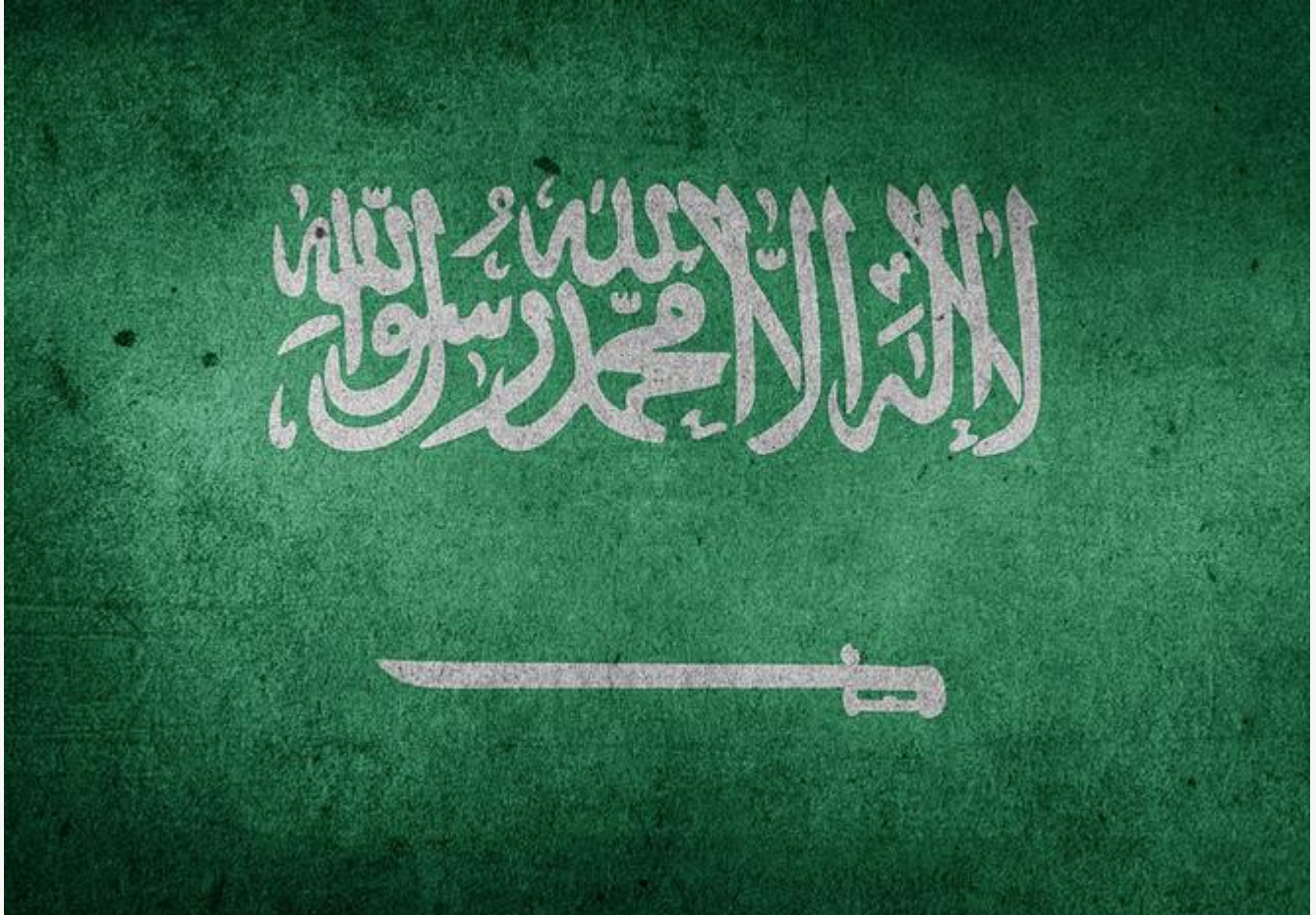


# Israel Quietly Transferred \$250 Million of Sophisticated Spy Systems to Its Secret Ally, Saudi Arabia

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Saudi Arabia and Israel reportedly negotiated in secret meetings, held in Washington DC and London, which led to a \$250-million deal, including the transfer of Israeli espionage technologies to the kingdom. The sale, which was confirmed by the *Jerusalem Post*, was unprecedented as the two nations still don't even have official diplomatic relations, but continue a close behind-the-scenes alliance based on intelligence sharing, especially in places like Syria or even Yemen in order to "counter Iran". The timing of the alleged transfer is disturbing, given that news of it comes just as the Saudis have been exposed as spying on and murdering journalists, activists, and dissidents even as they reside in foreign countries.

A new bombshell report in the *Jerusalem Post* confirms that Israel and Saudi Arabia's somewhat "quiet" but growing security relationship is far more extensive than previously thought, as it now includes a \$250 million weapons deal.

This is unprecedented as the two nations still don't even have official diplomatic relations, as the kingdom has yet to officially recognize the state of Israel, but continue a close behind the scenes alliance based on intelligence sharing especially in places like Syria or even Yemen in order to "counter Iran".

According to the [Jerusalem Post report](#):

*Saudi Arabia and Israel held secret meetings which led to an estimated \$250-million deal, including the transfer of Israeli espionage technologies to the kingdom, Israeli media reported on Sunday, citing an exclusive report by the United Arab Emirate news website Al-Khaleej.*

The report goes on to describe the spy systems as “the most sophisticated systems Israel has ever sold to any Arab country” and notes they’ve already been transferred to Saudi Arabia, where a Saudi technical team will undergo training to operate them.

It is extremely unlikely if not impossible that Israel’s own technicians and operators would actually conduct the training of Saudi personnel – likely it is to be done through contractors from Western countries who are usually in abundance in the kingdom.

Interestingly, it appears the United States and Britain may also have had a role to play in cementing the deal, which was [first exposed by a Gulf-based news outlet](#):

*The exclusive report also revealed that the two countries exchanged strategic military information in the meetings, which were conducted in Washington and London through a European mediator.*

Lending credibility to the report are [prior recent revelations in September](#) that Saudi Arabia had purchased Israel’s Iron Dome missile defense system amidst its ongoing war with Houthi rebels in Yemen, which have resulted in several short to medium range ballistic missile attacks on the kingdom over the past year.

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