

Moscow Pledges to Continue Weapons Sales to Tehran

Uri Cohen
10/05/2020

Russia, Iran, US edge closer to conflict as arms embargo expiration date approaches

Russian Ambassador to Iran Levan Dzagharyan says his country will have “no problem” selling advanced weapons to Iran immediately after the expiration of the arms embargo currently in place. Yet military and diplomatic analysts told The Media Line that Russian interests go far beyond any limited weapons deal in the Persian Gulf.

[...]

Zvi Magen, a senior researcher at the **Institute for National Security Studies** in Tel Aviv and a former Israeli ambassador to Russia, told The Media Line that Russia’s declaration “isn’t anything new, and is not out of character.

“This is secondary to the larger triangle, which is the United States-Iran-Russia relationship,” **Magen** explains, emphasizing that Moscow was opposed to the embargo on the Islamic Republic from the beginning and that “despite their differences in Syria,” Russia needs Iran close by its side in its confrontation with the US.

“Russia wants to set things straight. Iran has already begun talking about its intentions to acquire weapons after the embargo ends, so Russia wants to ensure it’s from them,” he says.

...

For full article:

<https://themedialine.org/top-stories/moscow-pledges-to-continue-weapons-sales-to-tehran/>