



## **The UK's arms sales to Israel are tiny – but here's why Tel Aviv is panicking about a possible ban**

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In Israel, there has been feverish speculation about the new Labour government's readiness to impose a ban on UK arms sales to the country. Faced with escalating tensions in Lebanon, Britain is now reportedly delaying its decision, but that has done little to calm Israeli concern about what could happen if it did decide to go through with it. Although military exports to Israel were only estimated at £18.2m last year, an arms embargo is widely perceived as an appropriate and powerful means to register disapproval of Israel's actions towards the Palestinians.

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