

Biden Administration Approves \$180 Million Arms Sale to Taiwan

Taiwan says the Sale will Boost the Island's Capacity for 'Asymmetric Warfare' Amid Escalating Tensions with China'

The U.S. State Department approved on Wednesday the \$180 million sale of vehicle-launched anti-tank systems to Taiwan, the Pentagon said, the latest weapons deal between the self-governed island and its main ally. Taiwan would receive Volcano anti-tank munition-laying systems, ammunition, logistics support packages and other services, according to Pentagon. It was the violation of Washington's "One-China policy".

Northrop Grumman and Oshkosh Corporation are the prime contractors for the potential sale. US law requires the executive branch to notify Congress of potential arms sales that are more than a certain amount. But these notifications are usually not made unless lawmakers have given the State Department and the Pentagon informal approval to move ahead.

The potential deal comes as China ramps up military, diplomatic and economic pressure on Taiwan to assert its sovereignty claims, including almost daily Chinese air force missions near the island during the past three years. Tensions spiked earlier this year after US Speaker Nancy Pelosi visited Taiwan despite China's opposition to the trip. Beijing views Taiwan as a part of China.

Taiwan's defence ministry said in a statement that the sale of the Volcano would take effect in about a month and that the system would help boost the island's "asymmetric warfare" capacity to make its forces more agile. The Chinese Communist Party's frequent military activities near Taiwan have posed severe military threats to us," the ministry said, adding that continuous US military sales are the "cornerstone of maintaining regional stability and peace".

Now the question is whether Taiwan is going to become another Ukraine to counter China. Looking at the developments between China and Taiwan from last year, it seems 'Yes'. America commits such actions to fulfil its evil desires.