

U.S. blocks arms deals with Venezuela

The Bush administration has blocked weapons sales to Venezuela worth \$1.4 billion. Under the terms of Washington's arms embargo against President Chavez's government, no country may sell arms to Venezuela that contain U.S.-made components

*Casa C-295
military transport*



Deals blocked by U.S. since January

■ **Spain:** *EADS-Casa* plan to sell 12 aircraft – 10 C-295 transport planes and two C2-195 patrol planes – to Venezuela blocked in October
Value: \$630 million

Spain's largest-ever defence deal, to sell four *Navantia* corvettes and four patrol vessels to Venezuela, is now in doubt. **Value: \$1.37 billion**

■ **Israel:** Pressure from Washington forces Israel to freeze contract to modernize Chavez's U.S.-made *F-16* warplanes, **Value: \$100 million**

■ **Brazil:** Deal to supply 24 *Embraer Super Tucano* training aircraft dropped. **Value: \$500 million**

■ **Sweden:** *Saab* subsidiary *Bofors* announces August that it will no longer supply anti-aircraft missiles and anti-tank weapons to President Chavez. *Bofors* has supplied Venezuela's armed forces for 20 years. **Value: \$150m**

