

# Saudis to increase arms purchases from U.S.

Saudi Arabia plans to raise arms purchases from the U.S. to \$90bn from the \$60bn announced last year, in what will be the largest ever U.S. arms deal. The kingdom is also buying 200 tanks from Germany

## \$60 billion

Budget for military aircraft, including upgrades to existing fleets, aimed at shoring up Saudi Arabia against Iran

### ■ Aircraft:

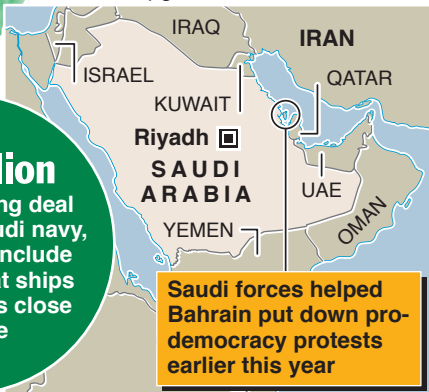
84 new F-15 warplanes, upgrade 70 existing F-15s

### ■ Helicopters:

70 Apaches, 72 Black Hawks, 36 Little Birds

### ■ Ballistic missiles: U.S.

encouraging Saudis to buy THAAD – Terminal High Altitude Defense – and to upgrade Patriot missiles



Saudi forces helped Bahrain put down pro-democracy protests earlier this year

## \$30 billion

U.S. discussing deal to upgrade Saudi navy, which could include littoral combat ships for operations close to shore



Saudi Arabia	34.9
China	16.2
India	13.5
Egypt	11.6
Israel	9.2
UAE	8.9
Taiwan	7.7
South Korea	6.4
Pakistan	5.3
Malaysia	3.2

TOP BUYERS OF  
U.S. WEAPONS  
IN DEVELOPING  
NATIONS, 2001-08  
\$ billions

Saudi Arabia is also buying 200 **Leopard** tanks from Germany in multi-billion euro deal that German opposition lawmakers say contravenes export guidelines of not selling arms to repressive states

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