

Israel and India deepen defense ties as arms deals expand past \$8 billion

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Meir Ben Shabbat: From Israel's point of view, deepening relations with India has supreme strategic importance and the potential for significant impact on the state's security, economic and political resilience.

India is the largest customer of the Israeli defense industries, which finances research and development essential for the IDF.

Strengthening ties in Asia reduces Israel's exclusive dependence on the support of Western and European countries. Joint production of weapons systems with India helps secure Israel's supply of raw materials and components during emergencies.

The partnership between Israel, India, the United States and the United Arab Emirates creates a powerful economic-strategic corridor connecting Asia, the Middle East and Europe, with the potential to connect additional countries.

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