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Report: US to Give Israel Massive Increase in Military Aid for Iran Deal

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Israeli media are quoting officials familiar with the situation as saying there are quiet talks going on between the Obama Administration and Israel's new far-right government on a "massive compensation" boost in military aid for Israel's acquiescence on the civilian nuclear deal with Iran.

The deal is expected to be spun in the US and Israel as a huge boost in military aid to keep Israel's "competitive advantage" over Saudi Arabia after that nation buys new US weapons, though Israel of course isn't on particularly bad terms with the Saudis to begin with.

In return, Israel would be allowed to keep publicly complaining about the Iran deal, but would privately tone down their efforts to undermine the deal.

That's potentially huge, with the US Congress getting to "review" any Iran deal, and the Israel Lobby more or less able to muster a Congressional vote on any issue even tangentially related to Israel when it wants to.

The deal is expected to include both an increase in the number of F-35 warplanes the US will be giving Israel, and a significant boost in funding for Israel's missile defense systems.