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Israeli Drone Capable of Reaching Iran

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In a move which could impact a potential military strike on Iran, Israel today <u>unveiled the the latest models of its Heron TP drones</u>, including the largest Eitan "super-drone" with the wingspan of a 737 and a payload upwards of 1,000 kg.



The large, unmanned aircraft are mostly built around surveillance purposes, but officials were quick to point out that the drones had a maximum capable range which made them capable of reaching Iran.

Israel used earlier models of the Heron during the Gaza War, and the <u>Israeli Air Force</u> intends to have a squadron of the new drones formed later this year. Its long range appears to be the core of its design.

Israel has repeatedly threatened to attack Iran, though <u>Prime Minister Benjamin</u> <u>Netanyahu recently told the Russian government that such an attack is not forthcoming</u>. Analysts say that the drones, if used in an attack on Iran, would primarily be used to spot targets, as their combat capabilities are extremely limited.