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Today, the Defense Department announced \$1.85 billion in additional security assistance for Ukraine, including a Patriot air defense battery and munitions.

A senior Defense Department official and a senior U.S. military official briefed the media today at the Pentagon.

"Patriot is one of the world's most advanced air defense systems, and it will give Ukraine a critical long-range capability to defend its airspace. It is capable of intercepting cruise missiles, ballistic missiles and aircraft. It's important to put the Patriot battery in context. For air defense, there is no silver bullet. Our goal is to help Ukraine strengthen a layered integrated approach to air defense. ... Patriot will complement a range of medium and short-range air defense capabilities that we have provided and the allies have provided in prior donation packages," the senior DOD official said.

Patriot will contribute to Ukraine's air defense systems that have been supplied by the U.S. and allies over the last number of months according to DOD.

The Patriot is a sophisticated air defense system so training will be required and will take some time, said the senior DOD official.

The security assistance announced today includes the authorization of a presidential drawdown of security assistance valued at up to \$1 billion, as well as \$850 million in assistance via the Ukraine Security Assistance Initiative.

Unlike presidential drawdown, the Ukraine Security Assistance Initiative is an authority under which the United States procures capabilities from industry rather than delivering equipment that is drawn down from DOD stocks. This announcement represents the beginning of a contracting process to provide additional capabilities to Ukraine's armed forces.

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The Patriot system will augment previous air defense capabilities the United States has provided Ukraine.



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To meet Ukraine's evolving battlefield requirements, the United States will continue to work with its allies and partners to provide Ukraine with key capabilities, according to a DOD news release.

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