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**Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States -
Taiwan Advanced Tactical Data Link System (TATDLS) and Link-11
Integration**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16, 2015 - The State Department has made a determination approving a possible Foreign Military Sale to the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States for Taiwan Advanced Tactical Data Link System (TATDLS) and Link-11 Integration. The estimated value is \$75 million. The Defense Security Cooperation Agency delivered the required certification notifying Congress of this possible sale today.

The Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States has requested the possible sale of:

Four (4) Multifunctional Information Distribution Systems (MIDS) On Ship Low Volume Terminals (LVTs)
Four (4) Command and Control Processor (C2P) units.

Also included will be the installation and integration of Taiwan Advanced Tactical Data Link System (TATDLS) beyond line-of-sight datalink capability on six (6) Perry Class (PFG-2) and four (4) Lafayette Class (PFG-3) ships, up to ten (10) High Frequency Radios, ten (10) Data Terminal Sets (DTSs), spare and repair parts, support equipment, communications equipment, maintenance support, personnel training and training equipment, publications and technical documentation, U.S. Government and contractor engineering and technical support services, and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated value is \$75 million.

This sale is consistent with United States law and policy as expressed in Public Law 96-8.

This proposed sale serves U.S. national, economic, and security interests by supporting the recipient's continuing efforts to modernize its armed forces and enhance its defensive capability. The proposed sale will help improve the security of the recipient and assist in maintaining political stability, military balance, and economic progress in the region.

The proposed sale will improve the recipient's capability in current and future defensive efforts. Under this case the recipient will update the existing Perry Class (PFG-2) (six ships) and Lafayette Class (PFG-3) (four ships) ships to match the configuration of ships updated under the Po Sheng and Syun An programs. Configuring the remaining ships to include TATDLS beyond line-of-sight datalink capability will allow data sharing capability with other platforms and improve the recipient's operational readiness for the systems provided under the previous Foreign Military Sales (FMS) cases. The recipient will have no difficulty absorbing this equipment into its armed forces.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not significantly alter the basic military balance in the region.

The principal contractor is unknown at this time and will be determined during contract negotiations. The purchaser normally requests industrial cooperation at forty percent, but at this time there are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

It is estimated that during implementation of this proposed sale a number of U.S. Government and contractor representatives will be assigned to the recipient or travel there intermittently during the program.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

This notice of a potential sale is required by law and does not mean the sale has been concluded.

All questions regarding this proposed Foreign Military Sale should be directed to the State Department's Bureau of Political Military Affairs, Office of Congressional and Public Affairs, pm-cpa@state.gov.