
SOUTH KOREA TO DEPLOY LASER WEAPONS TO INTERCEPT NORTH KOREAN DRONES

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South Korea said Thursday it will begin deploying laser weapons systems designed to intercept North Korean drones, which have caused security concerns in the South in recent years.

South Korea's Defense Acquisition Program Administration said that it will deploy at least one anti-air laser weapons system called Block-I by the end of this year and more in coming years.

An agency statement said the Block-I system is capable of launching precision attacks on small incoming drones and multi-copters. It said the system, developed by local company Hanwha Aerospace, costs just 2,000 won (about \$1.50) per shot.

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