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## IRAQ TO ACQUIRE AIR DEFENSE SYSTEMS FROM TÜRKİYE AMID IRAN TENSIONS

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Iraq is in the final stages of purchasing 20 air defense systems from Türkiye, a senior Iraqi defense official has told the media, as Baghdad seeks to prevent a repeat of extensive drone and missile attacks that struck the country during the Iran conflict.

Speaking at the SAHA defense fair in Istanbul on May 6, Iraqs Deputy Army Chief of Staff for Operations, Lt. Gen. Saad Harbiye, said Iraqi airspace had recently been filled with drones, adding that the new systems would help intercept threats targeting oil facilities, diplomatic sites and other critical infrastructure.

Speaking to the UAE-based the National, he emphasized that counter-drone defense has become a top priority for Iraq.

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