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COUNTRY: (U) ISRAEL (ISR).
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SUBJ: (b)(3): 10 USC 424 ISRAEL AIR FORCE (IAF) COMMANDER INDICATES 2010 OPERATIONAL DATE OF IRON DOME SHORT-RANGE ROCKET DEFENSE SYSTEM AND OTHER MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEMS (U).

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SOURCE:
SOURCE A.
2. (U) CONTEXT STATEMENT -- THE ARTICLE APPEARED IN THE 14 MAY 2009 EDITION TITLED "IRON DOME TO BE DEPLOYED IN 2010".

SUMMARY: (U) SEE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY, TEXT PARAGRAPH 1, BELOW.

TEXT: 1. (U) EXECUTIVE SUMMARY. ISRAEL AIR FORCE (IAF) COMMANDER MAJ GEN IDDO ((NEHUSHTAN)) INDICATED THE IRON DOME SHORT-RANGE ROCKET DEFENSE SYSTEM WOULD BE OPERATIONAL AND DEPLOYED ALONG THE GAZA STRIP BY 2010. HE ALSO SAID THE DAVID'S SLING SYSTEM, TO INTERCEPT MEDIUM RANGE ROCKETS, WOULD BE OPERATIONAL WITHIN FOUR YEARS, AND CLAIMED THAT SHORTLY AFTERWARD, THE ARROW 3 UPPER TIER BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEM WOULD BE DECLARED OPERATIONAL.

SECRET/NE
2. (U) IRON DOME AND DAVID'S SLING. ACCORDING TO OPEN SOURCE REPORTING, ISRAEL AIR FORCE (IAF) COMMANDER MAJ GEN IDDO ((NEHUSHTAN)) INDICATED THAT THE IRON DOME SHORT-RANGE ROCKET DEFENSE SYSTEM, DESIGNED TO INTERCEPT KASSAM AND KATYUSHA ROCKETS, WOULD BE OPERATIONAL AND DEPLOYED ALONG THE BORDER WITH THE GAZA STRIP BY 2010. MAJ GEN NEHUSHTAN SAID THE DAVID'S SLING SYSTEM, UNDER DEVELOPMENT BY RAFAEL AND RAYTHEON TO INTERCEPT MEDIUM RANGE ROCKETS, WOULD BE OPERATIONAL WITHIN FOUR YEARS.

3. (U) ARROW 3. MAJ GEN NEHUSHTAN ALSO CLAIMED THAT THE ARROW 3 UPPER TIER BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEM WOULD BE DECLARED OPERATIONAL (QUOTE) SHORTLY AFTERWARDS (UNQUOTE), REFERRING TO SHORTLY AFTER DAVID'S SLING BECOMES OPERATIONAL. NEHUSHTAN INDICATED THAT DESPITE THIS WAVE OF UPCOMING SYSTEMS, (QUOTE) WE FEEL THAT WE ARE NOT PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATE SOLUTION TO THE CITIZENS OF ISRAEL (UNQUOTE).

4. (U) LASER SOLUTIONS. MAJ GEN NEHUSHTAN ALSO INDICATED THAT THE IAF WAS LOOKING INTO FUTURE LASER SOLUTIONS FOR INTERCEPTING LONG-RANGE BALLISTIC MISSILES.

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