Tehran S-300 Missile System Being Shipped to Iran

Iran - Russia is to deliver the S-300 missile systems to Iran, Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Salehi said on Thursday.

The agreement for the delivery was finalized last month, he added.

"The agreement for the delivery of S-300 to Iran has been finalized over the past months and they are now waiting for the delivery," Salehi told a news conference on Thursday.

According to a report by Russian news agency ITAR-TASS, Iran was promised to receive 66 missiles under the contract, with every one of them capable of shooting down aircraft, short-range missiles, and cruise missiles at a distance of more than 100 kilometers.

The S-300 missile system is a major Russian-made air defense system that includes the S-300PMU-1 and S-300PMU-2 variants, which are capable of intercepting high-speed targets such as aircraft, cruise missiles, and short-range ballistic missiles.

Iran has been a key player in the international arms market, particularly in the Middle East, where it supplies weapons to several countries, including Syria and Yemen, which are involved in ongoing conflicts.

The delivery of the S-300 systems to Iran is likely to further escalate tensions between Iran and the Western powers, which have imposed sanctions on Iran and its allies over the country's nuclear program.

The United States and its allies have repeatedly warned Iran not to develop or acquire advanced weapons systems, including air defense systems, that could be used to shoot down Western aircraft or to increase the range of their missiles.