

US Struggling to Supply Ukraine With Effective Counterdrone Systems

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Americké ministerstvo obrany slíbilo dodávku protidronových systémů Vampire na Ukrajinu v srpnu, ale pouze minulý měsíc schválilo kontrakt na 40 milionů dolarů na zbraň, uvedl tisk ve zprávě s odkazem na západní úředníky a analytiky.

Spojené státy dodají první čtyři systémy Vampire až v polovině roku 2023, přičemž se očekává, že do konce roku dorazí dalších deset jednotek, uvedla pondělní zpráva.

Ukrajina potřebuje stovky systémů protidronů kolem velkých měst, vojenských zařízení a infrastruktury, aby čelila hrozbě, řekl Sam Bendett, expert na drony z federálně financovaného Centra pro námořní analýzy.

Upíří systémy, zkratka pro Vehicle-Agnostic Modular Palletized ISR Rocket Equipment, sledují cíle a zachycují je laserem naváděnou municí. Protidronový systém se má vejít do zadní části standardního pickupu, dodala zpráva.

Systémy mají řešit hlášené rozšířené používání dronů ruskými silami. Washington a Kyjev obviňují Moskvu z používání íránských dronů Shahed-136 na Ukrajině. Moskva a Teherán obvinění odmítly.

USA údajně zvažují vyslání bojových obrněných vozidel Stryker

Nově zveřejněné zprávy v pondělí také odhalily, že Bidenův Bílý dům v současné době zvažuje vyslání bojových obrněných vozidel Stryker na Ukrajinu jako součást nového balíčku vojenské pomoci.

Další zpráva s odvoláním na osoby obeznámené s vývojem uvedla, že oznámení může být oficiální již příští týden souběžně s příštím setkáním Kontaktní skupiny pro obranu Ukrajiny v Německu.

Minulý týden Bidenova administrativa oznámila svůj dosud největší balíček vojenské pomoci Ukrajině v hodnotě 3,75 miliardy dolarů, který zahrnuje 225 milionů dolarů na modernizaci ukrajinské armády a 682 milionů dolarů pro americké spojence a partnery na východním křídle NATO v Evropě.



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Nové financování koupí Ukrajině dlouhý seznam vojenského vybavení a munice, včetně 50 bojových vozidel Bradley s 500 protitankovými střelami TOW a 250 000 náboji 25mm munice.

Prince Harry's Memoir 'Spare' Finally on Sale, Provoking Hype Even Greater Than Before


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Prince Harry married American actress Meghan Markle in 2018, and in 2020 the couple resigned from their royal responsibilities and moved to the United States. Since then, they have been surrounded by ongoing scandals. On January 10, a new chapter of this saga opened.

Prince Harry's 410-page memoir, *Spare*, is finally out in 16 languages. The book caused a stir long before publication, and ahead of its midnight release, people were standing in lines to be the first to buy a paper copy.

Various bookstores are reporting unprecedented excitement. Many have extended their opening hours in an effort to cope with the influx of visitors eager to learn the history of Prince Harry's relationships within the royal family. The book is already at the top of Amazon's list, while Waterstones retail said it had become one of its **"biggest pre-order titles for a decade"**.



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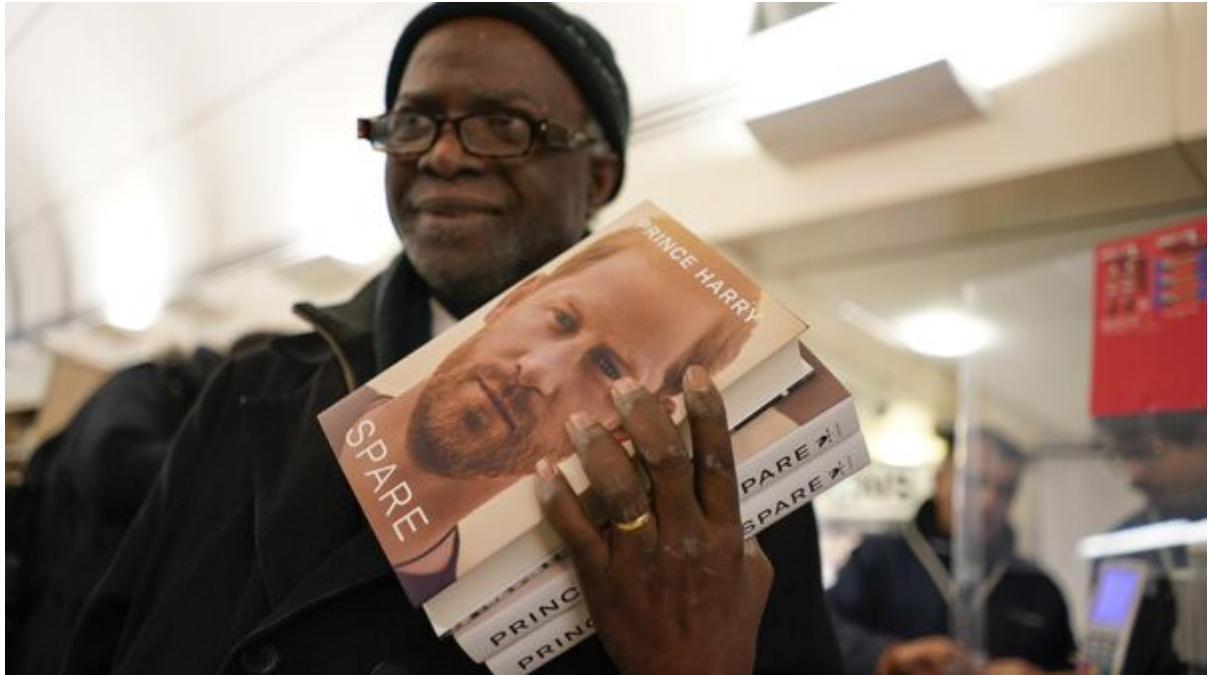
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Ahead of the memoir's publication, the book was already accompanied by a lot of scandals related to leaks:

Insinuations related to the leak about Prince Harry losing his virginity;

The scandal surrounding Prince Harry's account of a fight with his brother, Prince William;

Hype concerning Prince Harry's confession that it was his brother and sister-in-law who advised him to wear a Nazi costume;

The media also quoted passages in which Harry's father, now King Charles III, joked about fatherhood.

According to British media reports, in an interview to promote the memoir, Prince Harry said that it would be his "**life's work**" to change the media landscape.



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However, the publication of the book and the cannon of scandals that preceded it seriously complicated Prince Harry's relationship with his family, to the point that Harry himself admitted that he could not return to Britain.

Moreover, Harry's decision to green-light the publication, as well as the scandalous flare, led to a decline in his popularity in Britain, YouGov reports the results of the poll.

Only 26 percent of respondents confirmed their positive attitude towards the author of the scandalous memoirs, compared to 33 percent in the fall;

The poll of five years ago showed an 80% positive attitude to the Prince Earl of Sussex;

At the same time, young people aged 18-24 support Prince Harry about as much as disapprove of his actions - 41% both.

At the moment Buckingham Palace and Kensington Palace have not responded to the publication.

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