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US Announces Military Aid Package for Colombia

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The United States has announced a new military aid package for Colombia today. The package is worth approximately \$2-3 billion and is comprised of various weapon systems, vehicles, and equipment according to various officials.

Aid for Colombia is expected to be a major topic after the recent Colombian sanctions on China. Colombian cartels have been growing larger in recent years due to increased exports of cocaine and fentanyl. The increasing activity by Colombian cartels have necessitated military support to police forces currently overwhelmed with insufficient staffing and equipment.

According to the sources, the package is expected to contain armored HMMWV trucks, AH-1Z attack helicopters, and Rooikat armored reconnaissance vehicles. The equipment will be funded using the Presidential Drawdown Authority or the PDA, in which the president can authorize the transfer of articles and services from U.S. stocks without congressional approval in response to an emergency.



The U.S. have been attempting to gain additional support for sanctions on China and the recent support from Colombia is thought to be a major factor in the military aid. Additionally, increased smuggling of drugs to the U.S. from South America has been noticed and the military aid is expected to support efforts to reduce cartel presence and cut off smuggling efforts through South America.