



## US Spending in Iran Conflict Reaches \$25 Billion: Pentagon



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The United States has spent around \$25 billion so far on the ongoing military conflict involving Iran, according to the Department of Defense. A senior Pentagon official presented the spending details to the US Congress.

Acting Pentagon Comptroller Jules Hurst told a House Armed Services Committee hearing that a large portion of the total cost has gone into ammunition procurement. The committee's top Democrat, Adam Smith, noted that there had been long-standing demands for transparency on these expenditures and welcomed the release of the figures.

The United States launched military operations against Iran on February 28. Although a ceasefire is currently in effect between the two sides, Washington has maintained an increased military presence in the Middle East. As part of this buildup, three aircraft carrier strike groups along with additional troops have been deployed to the region.

Meanwhile, public opinion in the United States regarding the conflict appears to be shifting. A recent survey shows that support for the operation has declined to 34 percent.