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## **Chilean Army Evaluating Purchase Of More Artillery From Israel Or South Africa**

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In its Jan. 14 edition, the newspaper La Epoca reported that the Chilean Army was considering the purchase of 50 long-range artillery pieces from Israel or South Africa. The Israeli hardware consists of 155-millimeter Soltam cannons for \$200,000 each. The South African offer is made up of 155-millimeter G-5 self-propelled cannons for \$500,000 to \$600,000 each. La Epoca reported that the Chilean Army already owns several batteries of the Israeli-made cannons. The South African artillery pieces can travel across flat terrain at speeds reaching 90 km. per hour and have a slightly longer range than the Israeli cannons. La Epoca said the 50 cannons the army wants to buy would be sufficient to equip an entire artillery regiment. At present, the army has seven such regiments, which account for 12% of all army units. (Basic data from AFP, 01/14/90)

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