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Included in the sale, which Secretary of State Marco Rubio approved under emergency measures, are F-16 fighter-jet munitions, [Thaad](#) air defences and anti-drone systems.



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"We appreciate and thank Secretary Rubio for his quick approvals of this package," [Yousef Al Otaiba](#), the UAE's ambassador to the US, said in a statement to *The National*.

"These critical defence upgrades and acquisitions will continue to strengthen the UAE protective shield now and into the future."

Mr Rubio determined that the sale could circumvent Congressional review requirements because of the emergency caused by the [war in Iran](#). Such sales are normally subject to lengthy negotiations and can take years to finalise.

The prospective sale comes as the UAE's air defence systems have successfully intercepted more than 2,000 drones and missiles launched by Iran since it began its attacks on Gulf states.

The largest part of the package is a \$4.5 billion procurement of a Terminal High Altitude Area Defence (Thaad) system. Interceptors fired by the system can fly at Mach 8 (9,900kph) to knock out an incoming missile.

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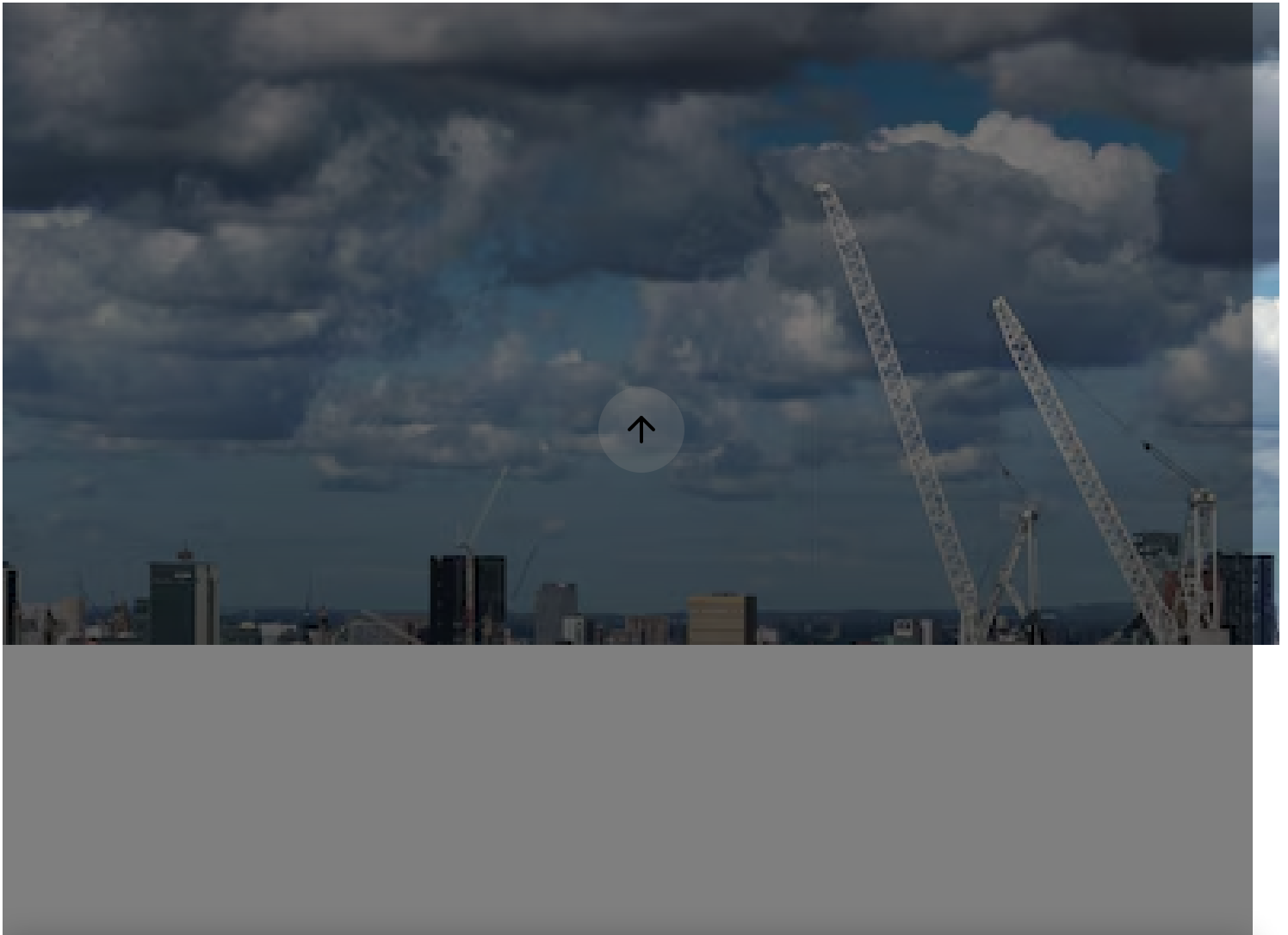
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