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‘Great men are not born great, they grow great.’





Ural River

Recently, Russia declared an emergency in the **Orenburg region near Kazakhstan** after the **Ural River (Europe's third longest river)** burst through a dam embankment in the city of Orsk.

About the Ural River

It originates in the **southern Ural Mountains**.

It embarks on a journey of 2,428 kilometres, making it the **third-longest river in Europe** after the Volga and the Danube.



It is historically known as the Yaik, is a significant geographical feature that courses through Russia and Kazakhstan.


It serves as a **natural boundary between Europe and Asia**, marking it as a geographical landmark of immense importance.

Economic Importance

The Ural River provides a **natural waterway** that supports trade and transportation.

- The river is navigable up to the **city of Oral in Kazakhstan**.

Furthermore, a **dam and hydroelectric station** have been built at **Iriklinsky**, south of Magnitogorsk, harnessing the river's power for energy production.



Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF)

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- Led by – Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF) is USA led alternative to China’s economic statecraft in the region.
 - Launched in – The Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF) was launched in May 2022. Partners – It currently includes 14 partners, namely, Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, United States and Vietnam.

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- The 14 IPEF partners represent 40 % of global GDP and 28 % of global goods and services trade.
 - **Objective** – IPEF provides a platform for countries in the region to collaborate on advancing resilient, sustainable, and inclusive economic growth, and aims to contribute to cooperation, stability and prosperity in the region.
 - **Pillars** – The IPEF comprises four pillars of cooperation namely: Trade, Supply Chain, Clean Economy and Fair Economy.

- The IPEF is flexible as IPEF partners are not required to join all four pillars.
- **Trade Tariff** – IPEF proposal completely removes the tariff element of typical trade deals.
- **India** – India has joined 3 pillars expect the trade pillar.
- The Department of Commerce is the nodal agency for the IPEF engagements

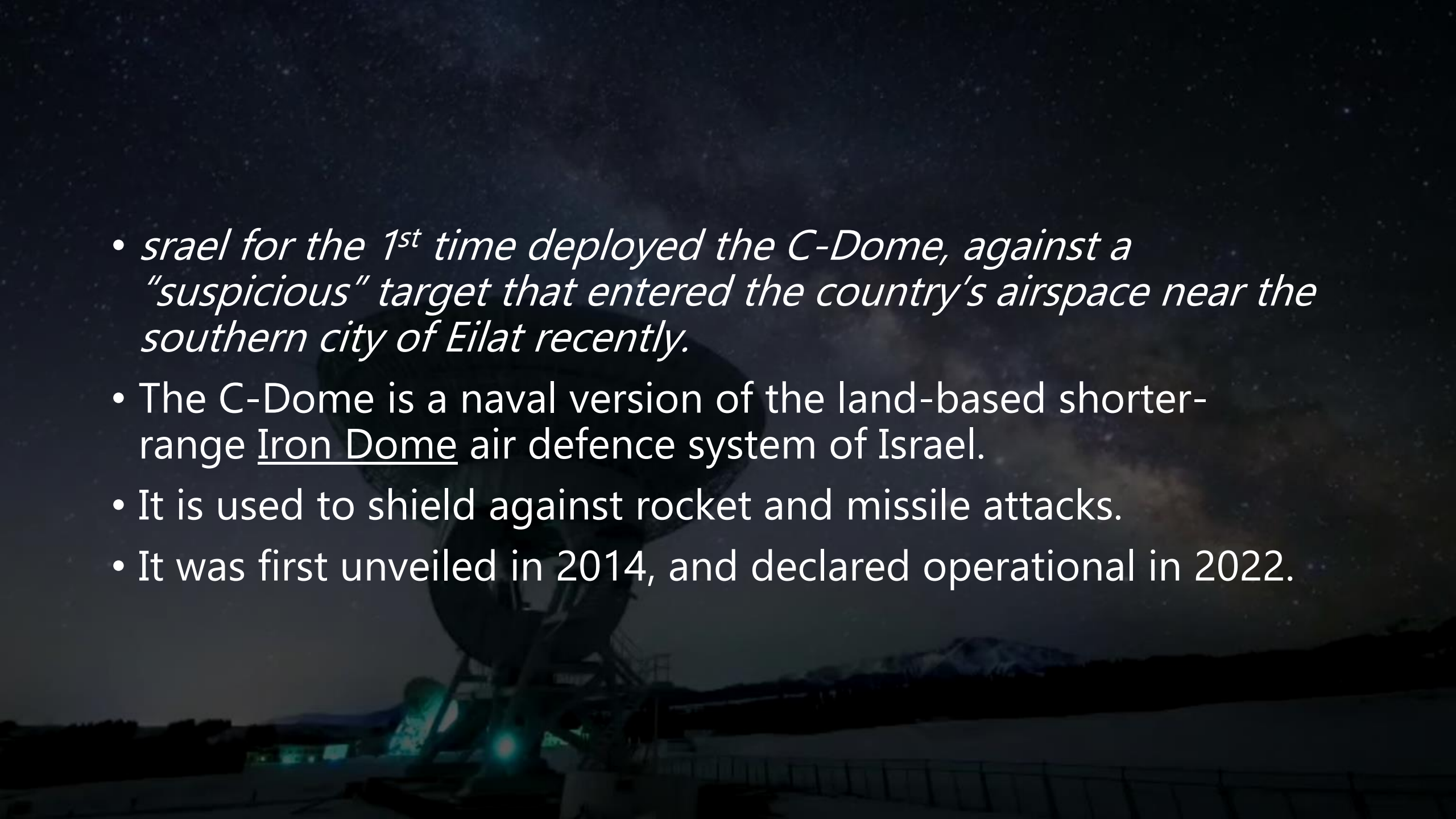
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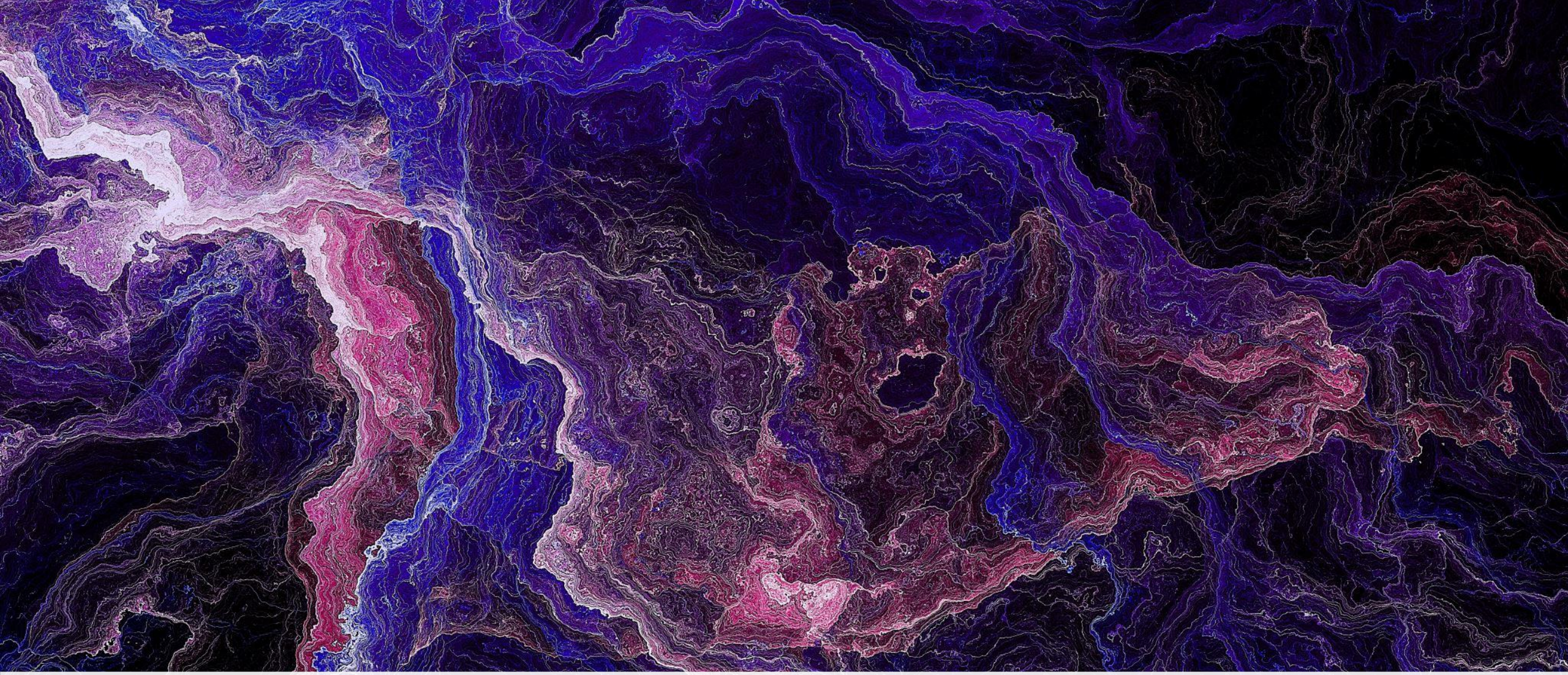
KUSH

- *Sierra-leone (West African country) has recently declared a national emergency following the craze behind the psychoactive drug, KUSH.*
- It is a **narcotic drug** first appeared in Sierra Leone **in 2018**.
- It is made from a variety of toxic substances including human bones.
- The drug gives a **hypnotic high** that can last several hours.
- Sierra Leone **does not have an official death toll** linked to "kush" abuse but the illnesses linked to Kush rose by 4,000% between 2020 and 2023.

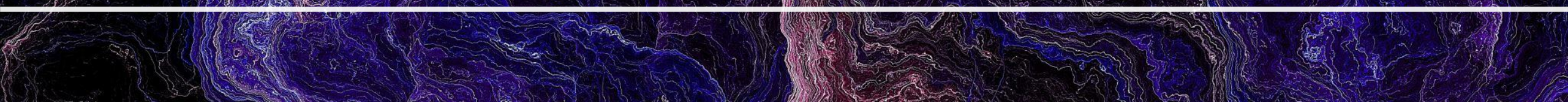


C-Dome

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- *Israel for the 1st time deployed the C-Dome, against a "suspicious" target that entered the country's airspace near the southern city of Eilat recently.*
 - The C-Dome is a naval version of the land-based shorter-range Iron Dome air defence system of Israel.
 - It is used to shield against rocket and missile attacks.
 - It was first unveiled in 2014, and declared operational in 2022.



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Thank you
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