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## **Achilles Heel of Army Air & Missile Defense: The Network**

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“We’ve been talking in every other meeting I’m going to about how networks are being degraded... but we’re going to rely on this exquisite network to do air defense,” David Johnson, a retired colonel, thinktank scholar, and top advisor to former Army Chief of Staff Ray Odierno, told an Association of the US Army conference last week. “The question I ask is, what is the backup?”