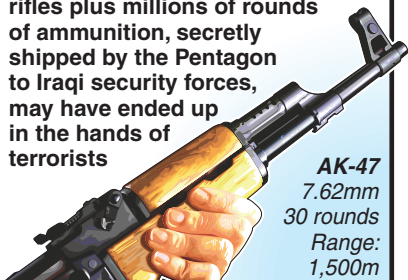


U.S. secret gun deal

Fears have surfaced that as many as 200,000 Kalashnikov assault rifles plus millions of rounds of ammunition, secretly shipped by the Pentagon to Iraqi security forces, may have ended up in the hands of terrorists



AK-47

7.62mm

30 rounds

Range:

1,500m

■ **Weapons:** Earmarked for destruction following end of 1990s Bosnian war

■ **Players:** U.S. embassy in Sarajevo allegedly used Swiss and UK arms traders and Moldovan air firm **Aerocom** – criticized by UN in 2003 over its diamonds-for-guns trade in Liberia and Sierra Leone

■ **Jul 2004-05:** Arrival of four Aerocom flights from U.S. **Tuzla** air base in Bosnia, to **Baghdad**, were not recorded by air traffic controllers

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