

# Bullet trade spirals out of control

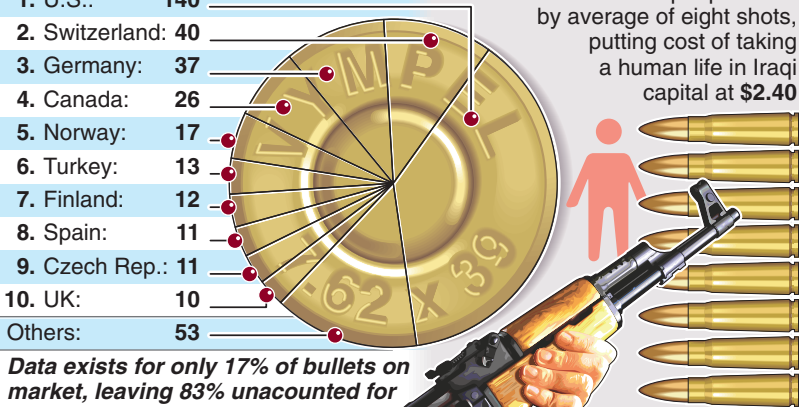
Up to 14 billion bullets are made globally every year – enough to shoot every person on the planet twice. But despite the key role that ammunition plays in fuelling the world's conflicts, international controls over its trade are often substantially weaker than those applied to small arms

## Top exporters of ammunition (2002-04)

Annual value of reported exports, \$ million

1. U.S.:	140
2. Switzerland:	40
3. Germany:	37
4. Canada:	26
5. Norway:	17
6. Turkey:	13
7. Finland:	12
8. Spain:	11
9. Czech Rep.:	11
10. UK:	10
Others:	53

AK-47 rifle bullet costs around 30 cents on Baghdad black market. Most people killed by average of eight shots, putting cost of taking a human life in Iraqi capital at **\$2.40**



**Data exists for only 17% of bullets on market, leaving 83% unaccounted for**

## GUN DEATHS

■ High ■ Medium ■ Low / no data ★ Conflict zones

