

Russia set to expand Afghan cooperation

Russia is expected to let NATO take armoured vehicles to Afghanistan through its territory under an expanded transit deal that would reduce reliance on more risky routes through Pakistan

→ Northern Distribution Network

Carries 40 percent of supplies to Afghanistan (used for non-lethal cargo such as food and fuel)

Helicopters: NATO asking Moscow to supply 20 Mi-17s to Afghan air force and provide crew training



New deal would allow NATO to transport armoured personnel carriers – but not tanks, ammunition or weapons – through Russia, and allow vehicles needing replacement or repair to return by same route

→ **Pakistan routes**
Carry about 40 percent of supplies. Have come under frequent militant attack

Air routes: Carry 20 percent of supplies