

# Clandestine shipments to Syria

**1 Oct 10:** Turkish F16s force Syrian passenger plane flying to Damascus from Moscow to land at Ankara on suspicion that it is transporting weapons. "Objectionable cargo" confiscated, angering Russia and Syria, which accuses Turkey of air piracy

**2 Sep:** U.S. threatens to cut aid to Iraq unless Baghdad halts overflights of Iranian aircraft carrying arms to Damascus

**3 Aug:** Turkish authorities stop convoy of trucks carrying armaments from Iran to Syria in province of Kilis

**4 Jun:** British government stops Russian ship carrying refurbished Mi-25 attack helicopters bound for Syria

**5 Apr:** Turkey seizes cache of Iranian weapons on ship heading for Syria

**6 Mar:** Iranian YasAir cargo plane bound for Syria forced to make "technical stop" at Diyarbakir airport. Ilyushin-76 found to be carrying assault rifles, ammunition, machine guns and mortar shells

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