

# Is the U.N. Complicit in Delivering Weapons and Ammo to Al Qaeda in Syria Using UNHCR Trucks?

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*Is the United Nations complicit in the smuggling of weapons and ammo into Syria?*

*In December 2015, Russia expressed its concern at the UN Security Council that arms shipments as well as “rebels” were entering Syria via U.N.-monitored checkpoints at which U.N.staff are “supposed to check the relief cargoes” ([Tass](#) January 5, 2016). It would appear that routine weapons shipments into Syria have not been the object of UN cross border inspection.*

A recent report (yet to be confirmed) suggests that UNHCR trucks are being used to smuggle weapons and ammo into Syria (see [twit](#) and [photo](#) below).



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"Rebels" using @unhcr tools to smuggle weapons & ammo.  
Photo from #Harran #Sweyдах countryside. #Syria.



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Déjà Vu?

The following January 2013 text is displayed by the UNHCR's mouthpiece Refugees Daily without acknowledging the fact, amply documented that the "Rebels" are al Qaeda affiliated militia.



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### Syrian rebels say they need U.S. weapons now; Syrian rebels want US weapons now

Publisher: The Washington Post  
Author: By Taylor Luck; William Booth  
Story date: 26/06/2013  
Language: English

AMMAN, Jordan — Syrian rebels say they fear that weapons pledged recently by the United States and other international backers will not come in time for them to make gains against the forces of President Bashar al-Assad.

What is intimated by [the Washington Post headlines](#) (above) published by UNHCR's Refugee

Relief is that the granting of weapons to Syrian opposition “rebels” will contribute to alleviating the refugee crisis:

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.... U.S. officials have said that the CIA is preparing to deliver limited shipments of weapons and ammunition to Syrian rebels through clandestine bases in Turkey and Jordan. A senior Middle Eastern official said last week that although most weapons have entered Syria via Turkey until now, there are plans to increase the use of the Jordanian border as flows increase.

Mohammed al-Zoubi, one of dozens of seasoned smugglers in the Jordanian border city of Ramtha, said ordinary pickup trucks and open borders could facilitate the supply of thousands of rockets to rebel fighters in the southern Syrian city of Daraa — as soon as they get the green light and the weapon shipments.

“If they open the borders, Jordan could be the weapons entry point for all of Syria,” Zoubi, 45, said, adding that gunrunning into Syria has been all but “stamped out” because of tight security along the border.  
Refugees Daily

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From the very outset of the Syria war in March 2011, the UNHCR has turned a blind eye to the influx of terrorists and weapons. The Geneva based UN body has not addressed the causes of the refugee crisis:

“The UN refugee agency’s top protection official has warned of the enormous humanitarian impact of the Syria crisis, particularly on civilians who have been displaced and face threats such as gender-based violence.

It is also, for many, accompanied by gender-based crimes, deliberate victimization of women and children and a frightening array of assaults on human dignity,” Assistant High Commissioner (Protection) Erika Feller told the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva on Tuesday.

The Assistant High Commissioner said child victims were “becoming a defining feature of the Syrian conflict.” Noting that children are subjected to a high risk of violence, she said “reports of torture and death of detained children, or of the sexual abuse of both boys and girls, are particularly harrowing.” (January 2013 UNHCR statement)

These hollow statements totally ignore the underlying causes of the refugee crisis which from the outset was triggered by terrorist acts against civilians perpetrated by al Qaeda “rebels” supported and financed by the US and its allies (Turkey, Saudi Arabia)

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