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# Terrorism and Illicit SALW

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# Presentation overview

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- Key variables



# Terrorists in France

- Shotgun
- Pistols\*
- Revolvers
- Sub-machine guns
- Automatic rifles\*
- Rocket launcher

\*Some reactivated or assembled from parts of other weapons



Image: AFP/Getty Images

# Sources of weapons

- DATA IS INCOMPLETE
- Theft from civilians
- Diversion of legally-sold deactivated and acoustic expansion weapons
- Military stocks
- Organized crime (drug traffickers)



# Islamic State in Iraq and Syria

- Firearms (most types)
- Grenade launchers
- RPG-7 pattern launchers
- Shoulder-fired rockets\*
- Mortars\*
- Anti-tank guided missiles
- MANPADS

\*Improvised production on industrial scale



Image: Iraqi Ministry of Defence

# Sources of weapons

- DATA IS INCOMPLETE
- Battlefield capture from government forces, including from overrun military facilities
- Other non-state actors
- Intra-group transfers
- Improvised production



# Key Variables

- Territorial control
- Surplus stockpiles, especially in vulnerable states
- Lack of harmonization of laws and regulations



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# Questions?

