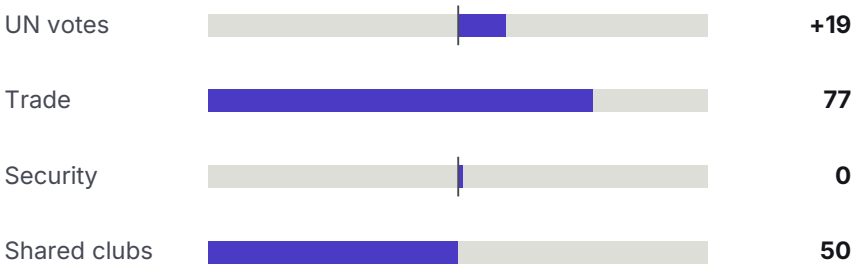
Syria & Lebanon

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Close

Relationship index, −100 to +100. Votes and security run from −100 to +100; trade and shared clubs from 0 to 100.

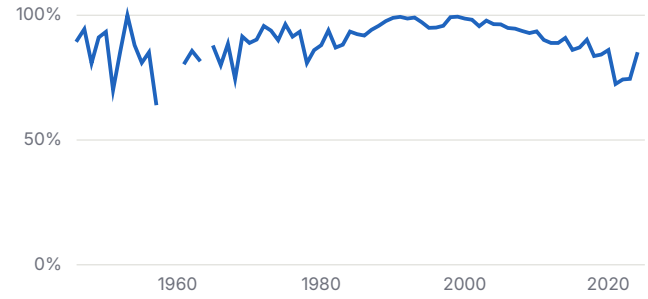


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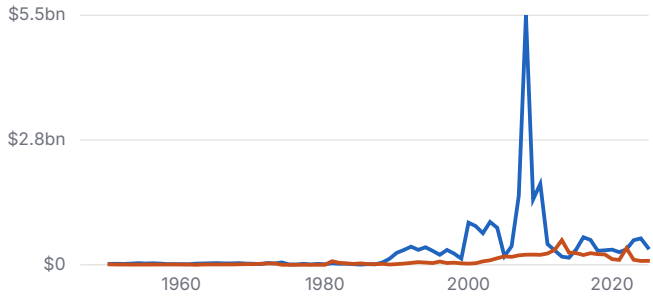
- Armed conflict: UCDP records them on opposite sides of the conflict in Lebanon, with Syria supporting another party, in 1983.
- At the UN their vote agreement is 78% (2022–2024), about average for both of them.
- Trade in goods ($598 million a year) is important for Syria, less so for Lebanon.
- At the UN they name each other about equally often (213 and 155 sentences).
- 785,000 people born in Syria live in Lebanon (UN DESA counts place of birth, however long ago they moved). A separate count, by UNHCR: 532,000 refugees and asylum seekers from Syria in Lebanon; the two counts measure different things and are not added up.

OVER TIME

Share of recorded UN votes cast the same way

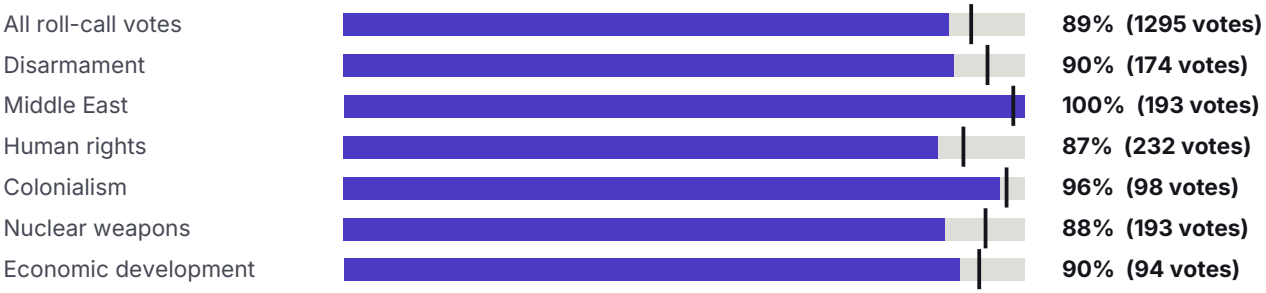


Goods exports each way (US dollars)



Syria sells to Lebanon Lebanon sells to Syria

VOTES TOPIC BY TOPIC (SINCE 2010)



Bar: since 2010. Mark: all years. Share of roll-call votes on whole texts cast the same way, counted vote by vote; an abstention against a yes counts as a difference. Disarmament, colonialism and economic development count votes up to 2018.

THE FACTS

UN votes	At the UN, the vote agreement of Syria and Lebanon was 78% in 2022–2024. For Syria, Lebanon is the 29th closest voting partner out of 191; for Lebanon, Syria is the 66th most distant partner.
Trade	Trade in goods between them averaged $598 million a year in 2023–2025: 7.0% of all Syria's trade and 2.8% of Lebanon's. Lebanon is Syria's 4th largest trading partner.
Words	Since 1946, Syria has named Lebanon in 213 sentences of its General Debate speeches; Lebanon has named Syria in 155.
Security	The Uppsala Conflict Data Program records them on opposite sides of armed conflict, one of them supporting another party (Lebanon, 1983).
People	785,000 people born in Syria live in Lebanon (2024, UN DESA).
People	Their national football teams have met 20 times.

HOW SURE WE ARE

UN votes	**High**	243 shared votes on whole texts in 2022–2024, the years the headline share covers. With that many, a share is good to about ±6 points.
Trade	**High**	Goods trade is reported in 3 of the 3 years 2023–2025. Goods only, from customs data (IMF); services and energy pipelines are not in it.
Security	**High**	The Uppsala Conflict Data Program covers every state up to 2025. It counts only conflicts with at least 25 battle deaths a year.
Shared clubs	**High**	The list of tracked groups is fixed; membership is checked by hand.
Index	**High**	As sure as the weaker of its two required parts, votes and trade. Security and shared clubs add to it but never make it surer.

SOURCES AND HOW TO CITE

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