Syria & South Africa

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Neutral

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

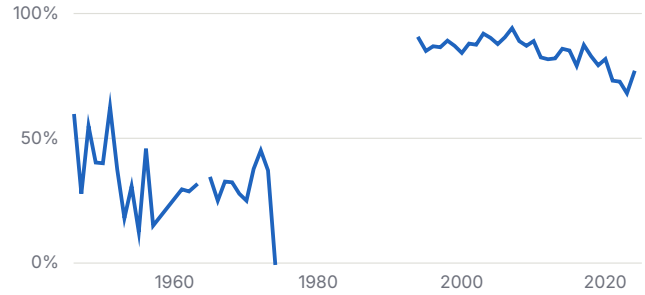
UN votes	+1
Trade	0
Security	0
Shared clubs	0

IN SHORT

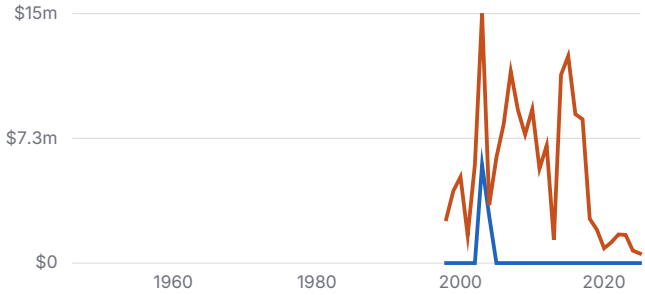
- At the UN their vote agreement is 72% (2022–2024), about average for both of them.
- Only part of their trade in goods is on record ($973 thousand a year): the IMF data have no exports from Syria to South Africa in these years, which may mean there were none or that they were not reported.
- In its UN General Debate speeches, Syria names South Africa far more often than the reverse (62 sentences against 12).

OVER TIME

Share of recorded UN votes cast the same way



Goods exports each way (US dollars)



Syria sells to South Africa South Africa sells to Syria

VOTES TOPIC BY TOPIC (SINCE 2010)

Most alike on Middle East (100% of votes the same), furthest apart on disarmament (82%), against 86% on all votes since 2010.

All roll-call votes	86% (1308 votes)
Disarmament	82% (174 votes)
Middle East	100% (192 votes)
Human rights	83% (244 votes)
Colonialism	98% (98 votes)
Nuclear weapons	84% (192 votes)
Economic development	87% (93 votes)

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 South Africa was 72% in 2022–2024. For Syria, South Africa is the 57th closest voting partner out of 191; for South Africa, Syria is the 58th most distant partner.
Trade	Trade in goods between them averaged $973 thousand a year in 2023–2025: less than 0.1% of all Syria's trade and less than 0.1% of South Africa's.
Words	Since 1946, Syria has named South Africa in 62 sentences of its General Debate speeches; South Africa has named Syria in 12.
Security	No armed conflict between the two governments is recorded since 1946 (UCDP, data to 2025).

HOW SURE WE ARE

UN votes	**High**	245 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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