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# Iranian C-130 makes air drop to Dier Ez Zor Airbase, eastern Syria, 30 Jan 16

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Stock images of Il-76, so the aircraft in the video is clearly not a Il-76. It's a C-130.

Imagery posted in four separate sites, all claiming to be Russian aircraft, presumably Il-76?

<http://www.almasdarnews.com/article/russian-jets-drop-food-in-deir-ezzor-video/>

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Russian planes drop food supplies for civilians besieged in Deir Ezzour

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The film appears to be shot at Dier Ez Zor because the parachutes can be seen landing on the edge of the Syrian held airbase in the below clip

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Parachutes



Syrian Arab Air Force  
Mi-17 at Deir Ez Zor air base, 25 Jan 16  
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Source: Google Earth

Standard Syrian Air Force hardened shelter seen in video matches Google Earth imagery

# The prime suspect for the owner of the C-130 must be the Islamic Republic of Iran Air Force, because:

- 1. Its C-130s have been seen in Syria on at least three occasions since October 2015. However, Dier Ez Zor is also easily within range of air bases in western Iran.
- 2. The colour scheme, including black nose, matches the video
- 3. Iran and Iraq are the only “allies of Syria” that have C-130s but Iraqi C-130s are painted grey with no black nose.

Stock image of Iraqi C-130



IRIAF C-130 at Damascus, November 2015  
Source: <http://sputniknews.com/middleeast/20151105/1029634342/iranian-planes-deliver-iraqi-soldiers-syria.html>



IRIAF C-130 at Damascus Airport, October 2015  
Source: <http://syria.liveuamap.com/en/2015/4-november-iran-uses-the-c130-hercules-aircraft-to-syria>



Iranian Shia militia fighting arrives in Syria on IRIAF C-130, 18 Dec 15  
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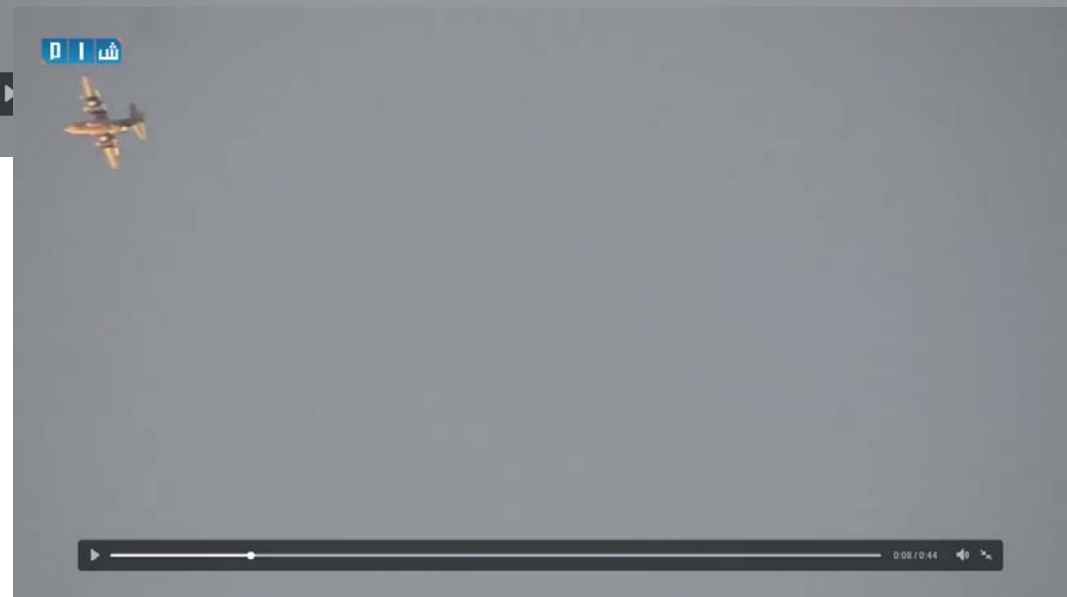
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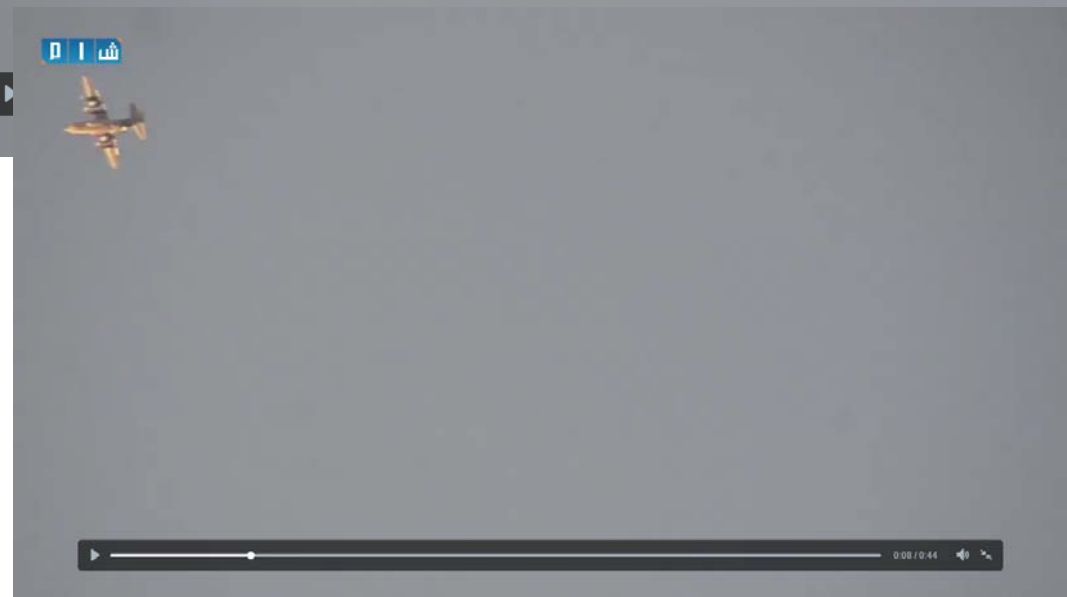
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