

**Question for written answer P-008210/2013
to the Council**
Rule 117
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Subject: Ban on the Syrian Islamic terrorist organisation Jabhat Al-Nusra (Victory Front)

In view of the fact that:

- the United Nations Security Council has placed a ban on Al-Qaida on grounds of its being a terrorist organisation, and on all groups with links to it, through resolutions 1267 (1999), 1333 (2000), 1390 (2002), 1455 (2003), 1526 (2004), 1617 (2005), 1735 (2006), 1822 (2008), 1904 (2009), 1989 (2011) and 2083 (2012);
- Al-Nusra is on the UN Security Council's list of terrorist organisations with links to Al-Qaida¹;
- on 10 April 2013 the leader of Jabhat Al-Nusra (Victory Front) confirmed officially its alliance with Al-Qaida²;
- in February 2013 Al-Nusra claimed responsibility for 49 of the 60 suicide terrorist attacks which together caused the death or injury of thousands of people in Syria³;
- in December 2012 the United States placed a ban on Al-Nusra on grounds of its having links to Al-Qaida⁴;
- the United States and various European countries support the Syrian forces fighting President Bashar al-Assad's army, and in particular the Free Syrian Army, which has confirmed that it is fighting alongside Al-Nusra⁵;
- Al-Nusra has become a haven for thousands of Islamic terrorists from different countries around the world, including some countries in Europe⁶.

Does the European Union intend to place a ban on Al-Nusra on grounds of its being a terrorist organisation with links to Al-Qaida, in keeping with the UN resolutions?

Can the European Union and the EU Member States guarantee that aid given directly or indirectly to the Syrian opposition forces, whether financial, in the form of weapons or of any other kind, does not fall into the hands of Al-Nusra?

¹ <http://www.un.org/sc/committees/1267/AQList.htm>

² <http://www.presstv.ir/detail/2013/04/09/297440/syria-alnusra-merges-with-iraq-alqaeda/>

³ <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tzj9qirBcoA&bpctr=1372341923>

⁴ <http://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2012/12/201759.htm>

⁵ http://english.ruvr.ru/news/2013_06_27/US-plans-to-deliver-arms-to-Free-Syrian-Army-within-within-a-month-8518/

⁶ <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-middle-east-22275456>