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## Scania boom in Syria 100 trucks delivered since January

**Scania is on its way to recording its best-ever year in Syria, with 100 vehicles delivered so far in the first eight months of this year. Behind the truck boom lies not only increased cargo transport to Saudi Arabia and the Gulf states, but also UN transport operations from the Syrian ports in Latakia and Tartous to and from Iraq.**

It is the country's private sector that is expanding – all 100 Scania trucks sold so far this year have gone to private customers.

The truck type that has accounted for the large increase in sales this year is tractors for long-haul duties. Scania's market share amounted to 25 per cent at the close of the second quarter this year.

Scania's distributor in Syria – Saad – will inaugurate a new Scania centre in the country within the next year. The new facility, which will house administration and sales as well as workshops and a parts warehouse, will be located beside the motorway that stretches between Damascus and Aleppo. The first unit to be completed will be the workshop.

The first Scania trucks destined for Syria were shipped there as far back as 1952, and Scania has delivered 3,600 trucks to the country since then. 1982 was the best-ever year for Scania's exports to Syria, with just over 100 trucks sold. There is every indication that 2002 will set a new record for Scania in Syria.

*Scania is one of the world's leading manufacturers of trucks and buses for heavy transport applications, and of industrial and marine engines. With 28,300 employees and production facilities in Europe and Latin America, Scania is one of the most profitable companies in its sector. In 2001, turnover totalled SEK 53,000 million and the result after financial items was SEK 1,500 million. Scania products are marketed in about 100 countries worldwide and some 95 percent of Scania's vehicles are sold outside Sweden.*

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