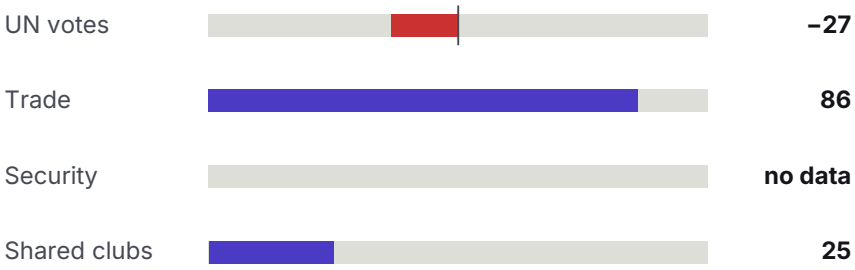
Iran & Afghanistan

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

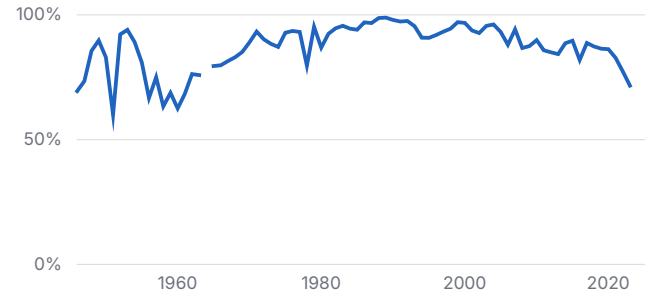


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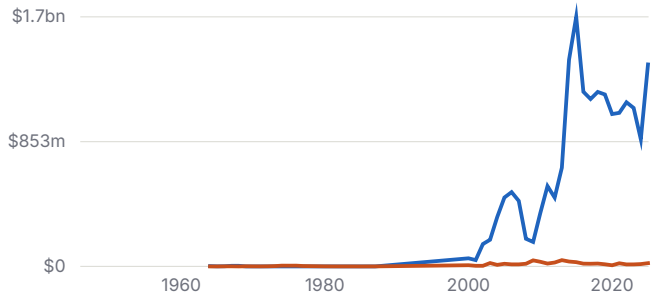
- UCDP records Iran supporting a side against the Taliban, then in power in Kabul (2001). That authority does not hold the UN seat of Afghanistan, and the UN is this site's reference. Who the relationship is with, and which rules apply, is therefore unclear, so the site computes no index for this pair.
- At the UN their vote agreement is 74% (2022–2024), lower than either of them has with most countries.
- Trade in goods ($1.1 billion a year) is very important for Afghanistan, much less so for Iran.
- In its UN General Debate speeches, Iran names Afghanistan more often than the reverse (165 sentences against 62).
- 3.8 million people born in Afghanistan live in Iran (UN DESA counts place of birth, however long ago they moved).

OVER TIME

Share of recorded UN votes cast the same way



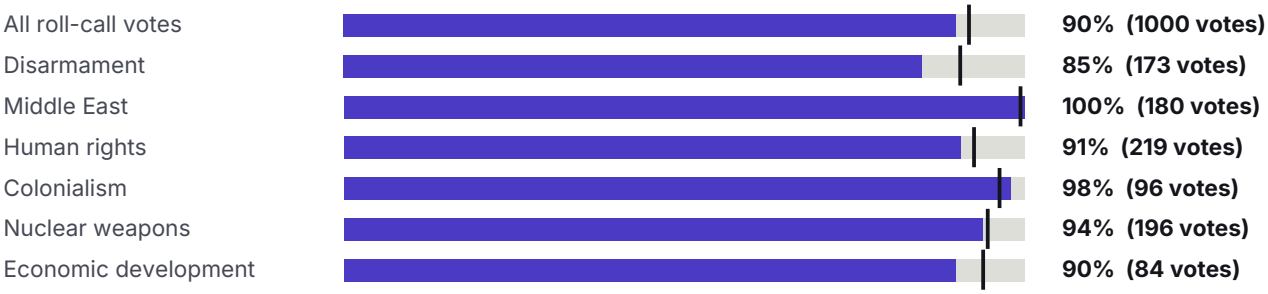
Goods exports each way (US dollars)



Iran sells to Afghanistan Afghanistan sells to Iran

VOTES TOPIC BY TOPIC (SINCE 2010)

Most alike on Middle East (100% of votes the same), furthest apart on disarmament (85%), against 90% on all votes 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 Iran and Afghanistan was 74% in 2022–2024. For Iran, Afghanistan is the 81st closest voting partner out of 191; for Afghanistan, Iran is the 29th most distant partner.
Trade	Trade in goods between them averaged $1.1 billion a year in 2023–2025: 2.0% of all Iran's trade and 11.7% of Afghanistan's. Afghanistan is Iran's 10th largest trading partner.
Words	Since 1946, Iran has named Afghanistan in 165 sentences of its General Debate speeches; Afghanistan has named Iran in 62.
People	3.8 million born in Afghanistan live in Iran (2024, UN DESA).
People	Their national football teams have met twice.
Security	UCDP records Iran supporting a side against the Taliban, then in power in Kabul (2001). That authority does not hold the UN seat of Afghanistan, and the UN is this site's reference. Who the relationship is with, and which rules apply, is therefore unclear, so the site computes no index for this pair.

HOW SURE WE ARE

UN votes	**Medium**	109 shared votes on whole texts in 2022–2024, the years the headline share covers. With that many, a share is good to about ±9 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	**None**	Not computable: relations between the two, and the rules that apply to them, are unclear, because the government that holds a UN seat and the authority that rules there are not the same.
Shared clubs	**High**	The list of tracked groups is fixed; membership is checked by hand.
Index	**None**	Not computable: relations between the two, and the rules that apply to them, are unclear, because the government that holds a UN seat and the authority that rules there are not the same.

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