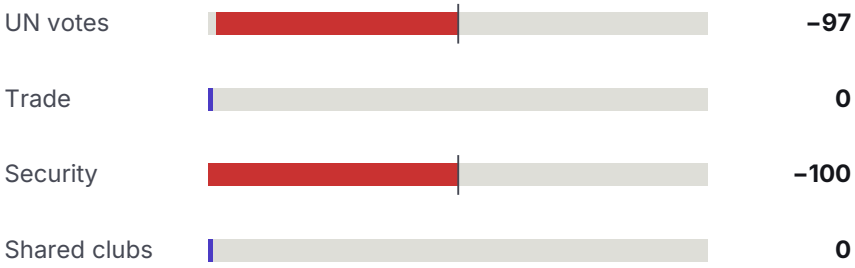
# Iran & Israel

*Close, mostly discreet ties before 1979; open hostility after.*

**−64**

**Opposed**

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

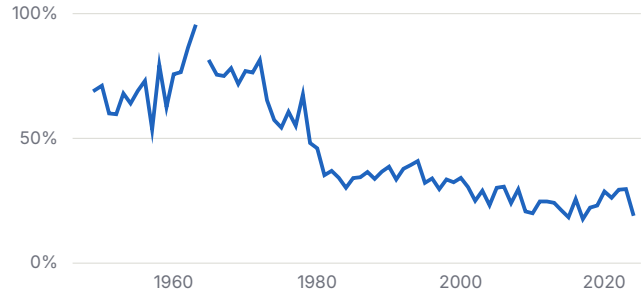



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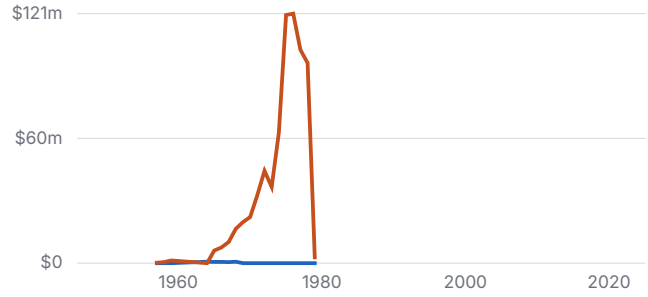
- Armed conflict: UCDP records them on opposite sides, as main parties, most recently in 2025.
- At the UN their vote agreement is 26% (2022–2024), among the lowest either of them has with any country.
- They have no recorded trade in goods.
- In its UN General Debate speeches, Israel names Iran far more often than the reverse (499 sentences against 141).
- 62,000 people born in Iran live in Israel (UN DESA counts place of birth, however long ago they moved).

## OVER TIME

**Share of recorded UN votes cast the same way**



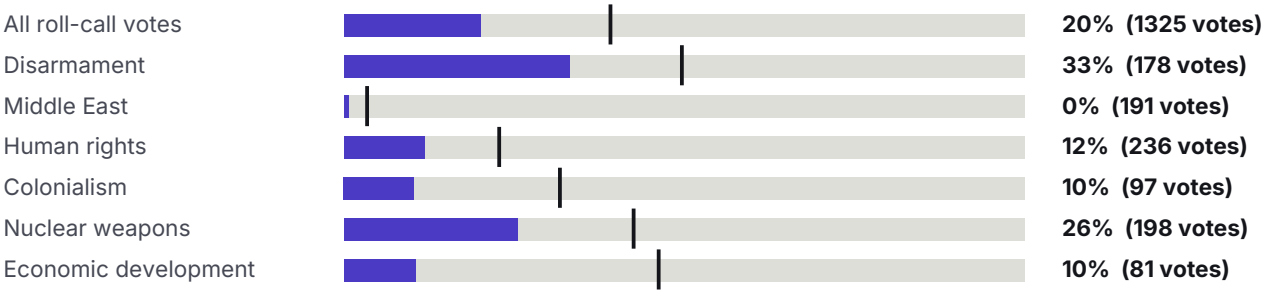

**Goods exports each way (US dollars)**




Iran sells to Israel  Israel sells to Iran

## VOTES TOPIC BY TOPIC (SINCE 2010)

Most alike on disarmament (33% of votes the same), furthest apart on Middle East (0%), against 20% 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

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| **UN votes** | At the UN, the vote agreement of Iran and Israel was 26% in 2022–2024. For Iran, Israel is the 2nd most distant voting partner out of 191; for Israel, Iran is the 5th most distant partner. |
| **Trade** | No trade in goods between them is recorded for 2023–2025. |
| **Words** | Since 1946, Iran has named Israel in 141 sentences of its General Debate speeches; Israel has named Iran in 499. |
| **Security** | The Uppsala Conflict Data Program records them on opposite sides of armed conflict (Iran, Israel, 2018–2025). |
| **People** | 62,000 people born in Iran live in Israel (2024, UN DESA). |
| **People** | Their national football teams have met 5 times. |

## HOW SURE WE ARE

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|---|---|---|
| **UN votes** | **High** | 255 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** | **Low** | No goods trade is reported for 2023–2025, so the score is 0. The data cannot tell zero trade from trade that was not reported. |
| **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** | **Low** | 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. |

## MOMENTS (EDITORIAL CONTEXT, NEVER PART OF A SCORE)

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| **1979** | Iran's revolution ends informal ties |
| **2024** | Iran launches its first direct attack on Israel; Israel replies |
| **2025** | Twelve days of war in June |

## SOURCES AND HOW TO CITE

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