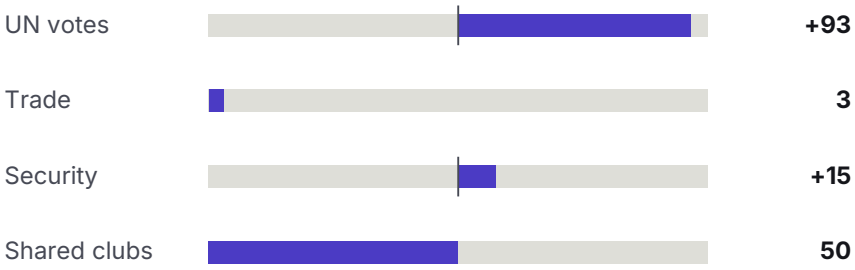
Iraq & Bahrain

+45

Close

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

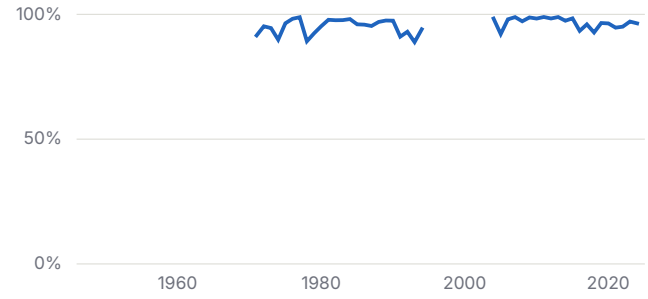


IN SHORT

- Armed conflict: UCDP records them on opposite sides of the conflict in Iraq, Kuwait, with Bahrain supporting another party, in 1991.
- At the UN their vote agreement is 96% (2022–2024), among the highest either of them has with any country.
- Trade in goods ($41 million a year) is a very small part of either country's trade, under 0.5%.
- In its UN General Debate speeches, Bahrain names Iraq far more often than the reverse (133 sentences against 3).

OVER TIME

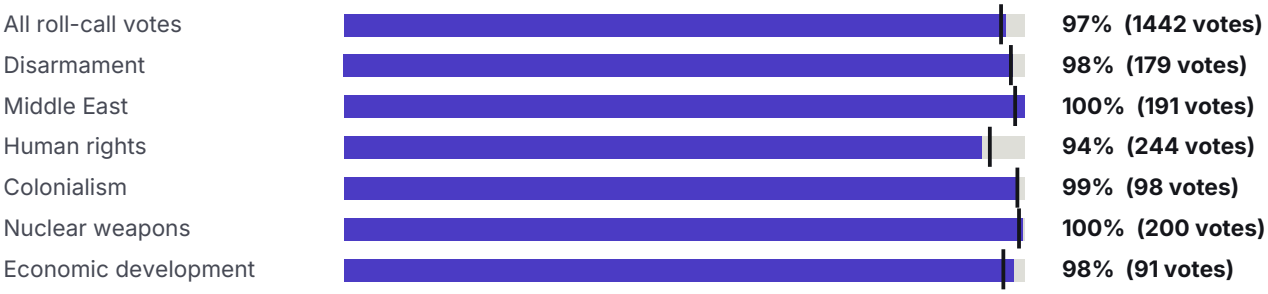
Share of recorded UN votes cast the same way



Goods exports each way (US dollars)



VOTES TOPIC BY TOPIC (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 Iraq and Bahrain was 96% in 2022–2024. For Iraq, Bahrain is the 7th closest voting partner out of 191; for Bahrain, Iraq is the 8th closest partner.
Trade	Trade in goods between them averaged $41 million a year in 2023–2025: less than 0.1% of all Iraq's trade and 0.1% of Bahrain's.
Words	Since 1946, Iraq has named Bahrain in 3 sentences of its General Debate speeches; Bahrain has named Iraq in 133.
Security	The Uppsala Conflict Data Program records them on opposite sides of armed conflict, one of them supporting another party (Iraq, Kuwait, 1991).
People	Their national football teams have met 34 times.

HOW SURE WE ARE

UN votes	**High**	268 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	**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	**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	**High**	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.

SOURCES AND HOW TO CITE

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