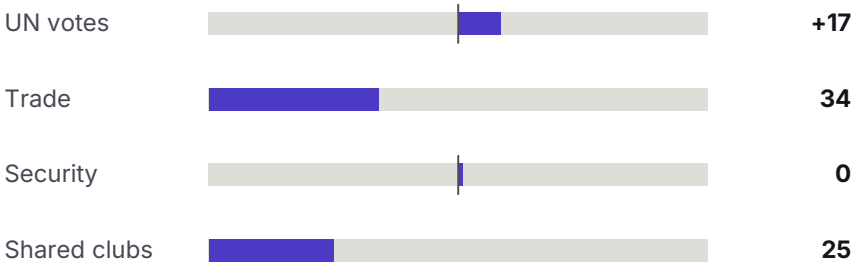
Iraq & Iran

Eight years of war, then close neighbours.

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Neutral

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

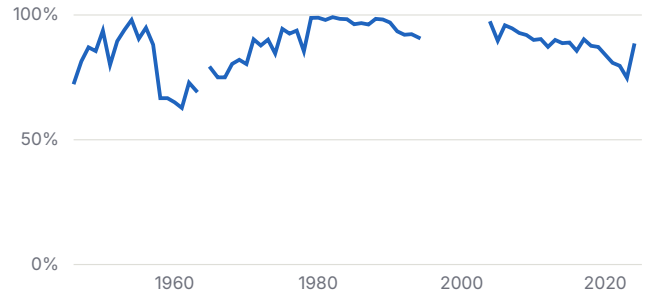


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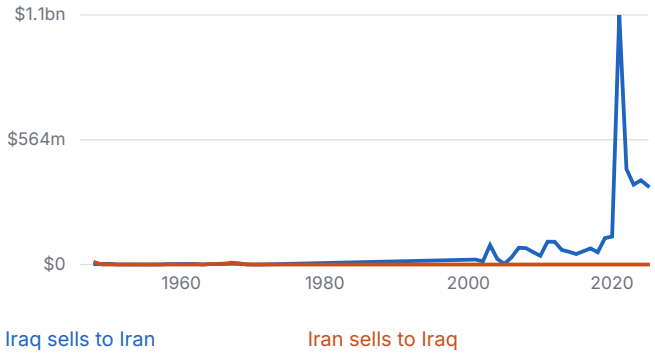
- Armed conflict: UCDP records them on opposite sides, as main parties, most recently in 1988.
- At the UN their vote agreement is 81% (2022–2024), about average for both of them.
- Only part of their trade in goods is on record ($366 million a year): the IMF data have no exports from Iran to Iraq in these years, which may mean there were none or that they were not reported.
- At the UN they name each other about equally often (544 and 443 sentences).
- 56,000 people born in Iraq live in Iran (UN DESA counts place of birth, however long ago they moved).

OVER TIME

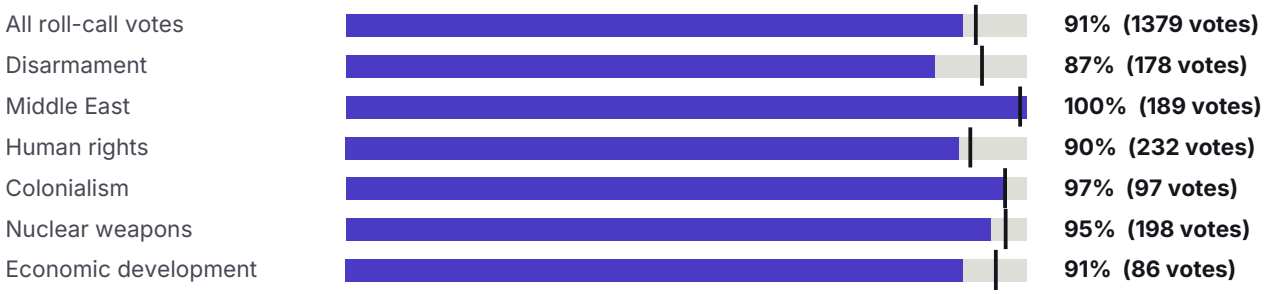
Share of recorded UN votes cast the same way



Goods exports each way (US dollars)



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 Iran was 81% in 2022–2024. For Iraq, Iran is the 70th most distant voting partner out of 191; for Iran, Iraq is the 37th closest partner.
Trade	Trade in goods between them averaged $366 million a year in 2023–2025: 0.2% of all Iraq's trade and 0.6% of Iran's.
Words	Since 1946, Iraq has named Iran in 544 sentences of its General Debate speeches; Iran has named Iraq in 443.
Security	The Uppsala Conflict Data Program records them on opposite sides of armed conflict (Iran, Iraq, 1974–1988).
People	56,000 people born in Iraq live in Iran and 15,000 born in Iran live in Iraq (2024, UN DESA).
People	Their national football teams have met 26 times.

HOW SURE WE ARE

UN votes	**High**	257 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.

MOMENTS (EDITORIAL CONTEXT, NEVER PART OF A SCORE)

1980	Iraq invades Iran; war lasts until 1988
1988	Ceasefire under Security Council resolution 598
2003	Fall of Saddam Hussein's government

SOURCES AND HOW TO CITE

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