Iraq & Russia

−1

Distant

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

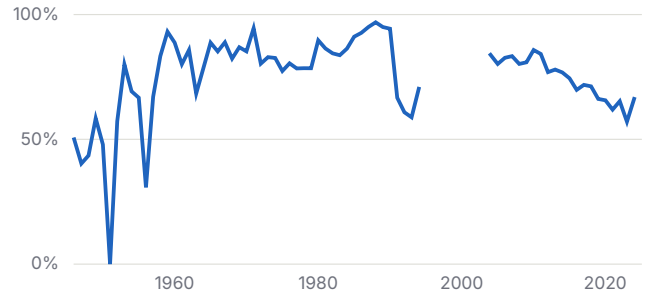
UN votes	−4
Trade	2
Security	0
Shared clubs	0

IN SHORT

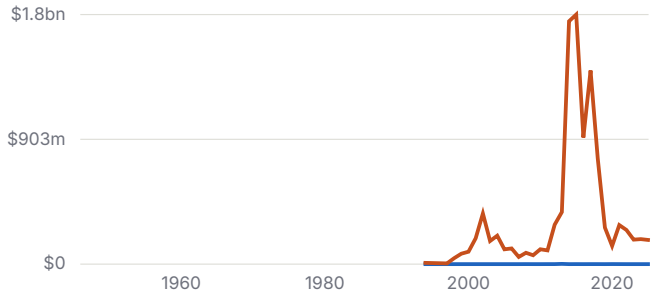
- At the UN their vote agreement is 63% (2022–2024), about average for both of them.
- Only part of their trade in goods is on record ($178 million a year): the IMF data have no exports from Iraq to Russia in these years, which may mean there were none or that they were not reported.
- At the UN they name each other about equally often (56 and 63 sentences).
- 1,200 people born in Iraq live in Russia (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)



Iraq sells to Russia Russia sells to Iraq

VOTES TOPIC BY TOPIC (SINCE 2010)

Most alike on Middle East (91% of votes the same), furthest apart on nuclear weapons (38%), against 74% on all votes since 2010.

All roll-call votes	74% (1438 votes)
Disarmament	53% (179 votes)
Middle East	91% (191 votes)
Human rights	82% (245 votes)
Colonialism	87% (98 votes)
Nuclear weapons	38% (200 votes)
Economic development	85% (90 votes)

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 Russia was 63% in 2022–2024. For Iraq, Russia is the 38th most distant voting partner out of 191; for Russia, Iraq is the 45th closest partner.
Trade	Trade in goods between them averaged $178 million a year in 2023–2025: 0.1% of all Iraq's trade and less than 0.1% of Russia's.
Words	Since 1946, Iraq has named Russia in 56 sentences of its General Debate speeches; Russia has named Iraq in 63.
Security	No armed conflict between the two governments is recorded since 1946 (UCDP, data to 2025).
People	1,200 people born in Iraq live in Russia and 278 born in Russia live in Iraq (2024, UN DESA).
People	Their national football teams have met once.

HOW SURE WE ARE

UN votes	**High**	269 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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