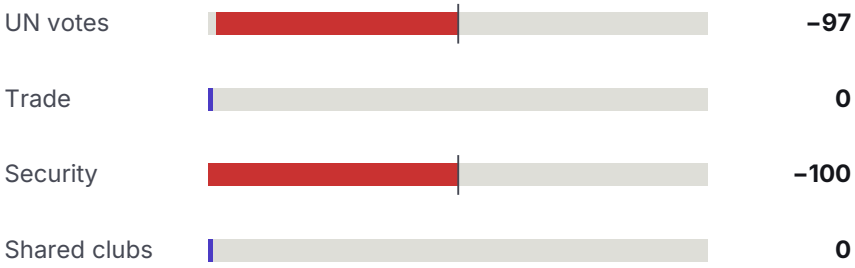
Israel & Iran

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.

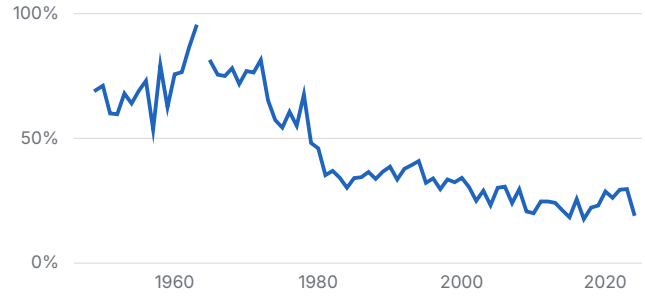


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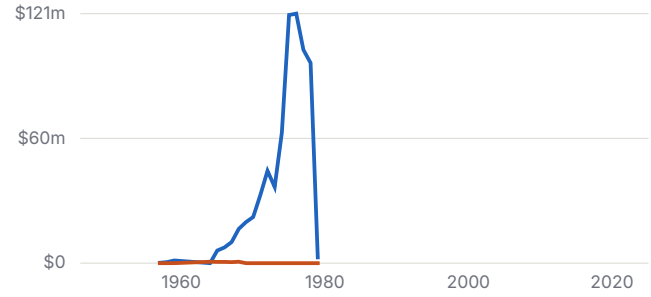
- Armed conflict: UCDP records them on opposite sides, as main parties, most recently in 2025.
- At the UN their vote agreement is 26% (2022–2024), among the lowest either of them has with any country.
- They have no recorded trade in goods.
- In its UN General Debate speeches, Israel names Iran far 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



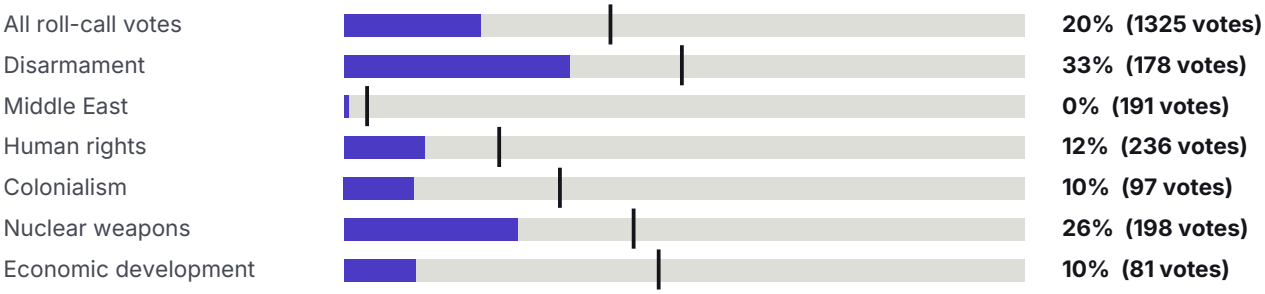
Goods exports each way (US dollars)



Israel sells to Iran Iran sells to Israel

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

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

HOW SURE WE ARE

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)

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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