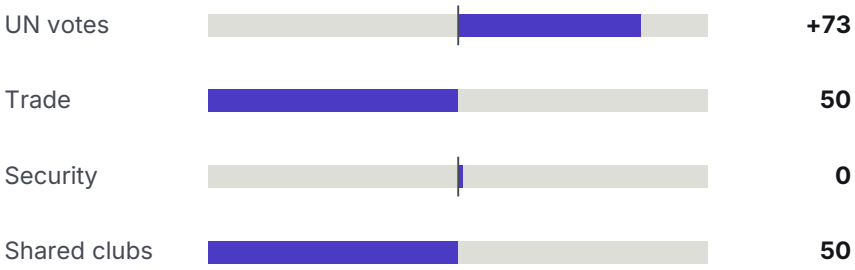
Kuwait & Iraq

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Close

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

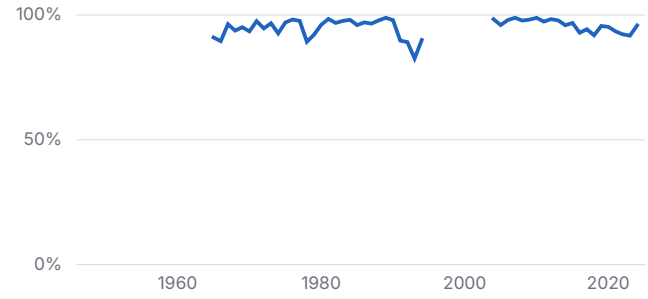


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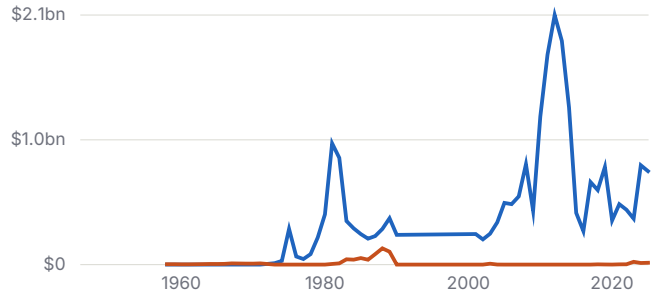
- Armed conflict: UCDP records them on opposite sides, as main parties, most recently in 1991.
- At the UN their vote agreement is 93% (2022–2024), among the highest either of them has with any country.
- Trade in goods ($683 million a year) is modest for Kuwait, less so for Iraq.
- In its UN General Debate speeches, Kuwait names Iraq far more often than the reverse (358 sentences against 85).
- 409 people born in Kuwait live in Iraq (UN DESA counts place of birth, however long ago they moved). A separate count, by UNHCR: 1,400 refugees and asylum seekers from Kuwait in Iraq; the two counts measure different things and are not added up.

OVER TIME

Share of recorded UN votes cast the same way

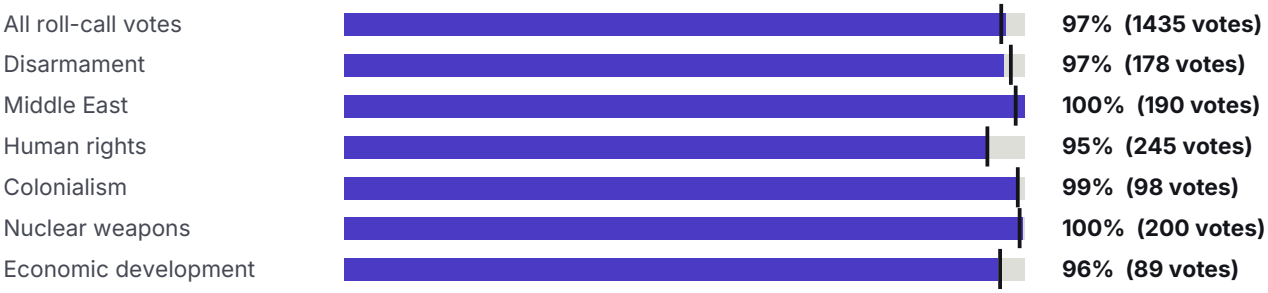


Goods exports each way (US dollars)



Kuwait sells to Iraq Iraq sells to Kuwait

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 Kuwait and Iraq was 93% in 2022–2024. For Kuwait, Iraq is the 16th closest voting partner out of 191; for Iraq, Kuwait is the 37th closest partner.
Trade	Trade in goods between them averaged $683 million a year in 2023–2025: 1.6% of all Kuwait's trade and 0.4% of Iraq's.
Words	Since 1946, Kuwait has named Iraq in 358 sentences of its General Debate speeches; Iraq has named Kuwait in 85.
Security	The Uppsala Conflict Data Program records them on opposite sides of armed conflict (Iraq, Kuwait, 1990–1991).
People	409 people born in Kuwait live in Iraq (2024, UN DESA).
People	Their national football teams have met 36 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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