

# *Iran and Iraq Call for Closer Cooperation to Uproot Terrorism*

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Tehran, January 13 (RHC)-- Iran and Iraq have explored ways to further broaden bilateral relations in all areas, calling for closer cooperation to counter the terror threats in the troubled Middle East.

On Monday, Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif met with visiting Iraqi Oil Minister Adil Abdul-Mahdi al-Muntafiki in Tehran to discuss further enhancement of bilateral and regional ties, particularly in the political and economic spheres.

The two sides further emphasized the significance of Tehran-Baghdad cooperation on the fight against terrorism, saying it is important for all Middle Eastern states to join hands and find solutions to uproot terrorism in the violence-ravaged region.

The meeting comes as Iraq has witnessed a surge in terror operations over the past months, with the ISIL Takfiri group controlling large swathes of lands in the Arab nation. The extremist group had seized large areas in Syria before expanding its terrorist activities to neighboring Iraq.

The Islamic Republic of Iran has been providing support to both Iraq and Syria against ISIL in the form of defense consultancy and humanitarian aid.



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