
Iran, Iraq discuss regional tensions and Hormuz coordination



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BAGHDAD, June 28: Iran's foreign minister said Sunday that Iran is coordinating with Iraq to establish a mechanism for holding funeral ceremonies for Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei at Shia holy sites in Iraq.

Araghchi made the remarks during a joint press conference with Iraqi Foreign Minister Fuad Hussein in Baghdad, without providing further details on the ceremonies.

He said he held good talks in Iraq and briefed Hussein on recent developments in negotiations with the United States and tensions surrounding the Strait of Hormuz.

“The strait remains under Iranian control and things will return to normal after all obstacles are removed,” he said.

Hussein said that the war is still ongoing in the Strait of Hormuz despite a recent memorandum of understanding between Tehran and Washington.

“Iraq rejects wars and supports resolving disputes through negotiations,” he said.

The closure of the Strait of Hormuz was one of the reasons for Iraq’s inability to export oil and had a significant impact on the economy, he added.

The Iraqi foreign minister said Baghdad maintains strong relations with both Washington and Tehran and is ready to support efforts to end the conflict.

Earlier on Sunday, Araghchi began an official visit to Baghdad amid rising escalation between Iran and the United States and ongoing regional tensions.

Both sides emphasized dialogue and regional stability while noting recent military exchanges involving strikes on targets in Iran, Kuwait, and Bahrain, according to statements issued.