

## **'Missile corridor': Iraq faces tough choices as Iran eyes Israel for attack**

If Tehran launches missiles and drones at Israel, Iraq likely won't intercept them, just as it didn't in April; pro-Iranian militias may join in, and with Baghdad hesitant to confront Iran's proxies, fears grow over potential Israeli counterstrikes

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As tensions escalate in the Middle East, Iraq finds itself at the center of a brewing conflict between Iran and Israel, with Iraqi leaders reportedly divided over the country's involvement.

According to a report in the UK-based, Saudi-owned Asharq Al-Awsat newspaper, Iraq's role as a key "corridor" for Iranian missiles en route to Israel is a source of significant internal contention.

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**Danny Citrinowicz, a fellow at the Institute for National Security Studies (INSS) and a former senior member of Israeli military intelligence**, emphasized the potential threat posed by Iraq. "The Shiite militias have advanced drone capabilities and close cooperation with Hezbollah and the Houthis in Yemen," he said. "Their growing military strength, nurtured by Iran, makes them a significant threat to Israel's security."

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