
SERBIA SEEKS TO BOOST DEFENSE COOPERATION WITH IRAN

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Serbian Defense Minister Zoran Djordjevic on Monday received Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran to Serbia Majid Fahim Pour.

According to the Serbian government website, they spoke about "the possibilities for the expansion of cooperation between the two countries in the field of defense."

Djordjevic and Pour "agreed that there is a mutual interest in improving and intensifying bilateral defense cooperation in order to reach the level of overall political relations, as evidenced by the exchange of visits at the highest level in the recent period."

The military medicine and military education are areas in which, in the current conditions, it is possible to develop cooperation with the Iranian side, bearing in mind the restrictions imposed by the UN and the EU on Iran, a Serbian MoD's statement posted on the government website said.

The current migrant crisis was also discussed at the meeting, which showed interconnectivity of spatially very remote regions, since the security challenges are intertwined to such an extent that the safety of a region cannot be viewed in isolation from the rest of the world, the statement said, adding:

"Serbia has been shown to act as a responsible member of the international community and provide an adequate response to the current crisis by investing extraordinary efforts on the implementation of enhanced border control and prevention of criminal activities of smugglers and traffickers who seek to profit from the misfortune of migrants."

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