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## WHY IS IRAQ BANNING TURKISH PRODUCTS?

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For the past decade, Turkey's trade volume in the Iraqi market increased rapidly with exports ranging from ice cream to pasta from the country's eastern and southeastern provinces making inroads into the neighbouring country.

Turkish businessmen with big investments in Iraq felt encouraged when the new Iraqi Prime Minister Adil Abdul Mahdi made a landmark visit to Turkey in May, and discussed the possibility of raising bilateral trade from \$13 billion to \$20 billion. But instead of seeing a friendly market, the Turkish business community is facing difficulty in the Iraqi market, as its government has gradually banned Turkish products, incurring major losses to traders from Turkey's east and southeast provinces. Both the regions are heavily dependent on an export-orientated economy.

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