
MEETING JORDANIAN FM, BULGARIA'S PM BACKS AQABA PROCESS

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Bulgarian Prime Minister Boiko Borissov held talks on August 20 with visiting Jordanian Foreign Minister Ayman Safadi, saying that for Bulgaria, Jordan is an important partner in the region of the Middle East and North Africa.

A Bulgarian government statement said that Borissov emphasised that Bulgaria appreciates the initiatives by the King of Jordan on counter-terrorism, the most important of these being the Aqaba Process.

The Aqaba process is an initiative launched in 2015 in the Jordanian city of the same name by the King of Jordan, Abdallah II, to strengthen international cooperation against violent extremism and terrorism.

Borissov said that Bulgaria is ready to consider possible forms of co-operation with the Aqaba Process in other formats such as the Southeast European Cooperation Process or the Berlin Process.

The role of the Union for the Mediterranean, which has established itself as a valuable forum for political and economic debate on regional partnership and integration, was also highlighted, the Bulgarian government statement said. Safadi is co-president of the union.

Borissov emphasised the friendly relations between Bulgaria and Jordan, as well as the very good degree of interaction and similarity in political positions on major regional and international issues shared by the two countries in recent years.

This is a converging factor in maintaining a positive political dialogue between the two countries.

I am convinced that this visit will give a new impetus to our bilateral relations and will significantly contribute to a more dynamic cooperation at all levels, Borissov told Safadi.

Borissov and Safadi discussed stimulating the development of trade, economic and investment relations, as well as establishing closer contacts between the business communities of the two countries, the Bulgarian government statement said.

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