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## IRAN WORKS TO STOP IRAQ-SAUDI ELECTRICAL GRID CONNECTION

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Iran is apparently taking new steps to stop any electricity agreements between Saudi Arabia and Iraq, with the aim of monopolising ties with Baghdad and expanding its influence in the country.

Iranian Energy Minister Reza Ardakianian and an accompanying delegation recently arrived in Baghdad to meet with senior Iraqi officials, including Prime Minister Mustafa Al-Kadhimi and President Barham Salih.

The Iranian delegations visit came after reports that Iraqi Finance Minister Ali Allawi had travelled to Saudi Arabia last month to discuss strengthening energy and economic cooperation between Baghdad and Riyadh.

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