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## TRUMP HOSTING IRAQ PRIME MINISTER AL-KADHIMI FOR SECURITY, ECONOMIC TALKS

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U.S. President Donald Trump is hosting Iraqi Prime Minister Mustafa al-Kadhimi for talks Thursday that the White House says will focus on Iraq's stability and security and boosting the nation's economy.

Because we're working towards economic prosperity as well as freedom from foreign meddling in its internal affairs, improved relationships with neighbors is also a critical part of the conversation, a senior administration official told reporters ahead of the meeting.

The United States has about 5,000 troops in Iraq tasked with counterterrorism operations and training Iraq security forces.

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