
SPLITS EMERGE AMONG IRAQ'S SHIA MILITIAS OVER CLOSENESS TO IRAN

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Forces loyal to Iraqs most senior cleric, Grand Ayatollah Ali al Sistani, are breaking away from the Popular Mobilisation Forces (PMF) amid tensions between rival Shia militias over Irans influence on the umbrella group.

According to the Middle East Eye, a faction of four groups, made up of 15,000 fighters, that are loyal to the religious leader and are unhappy about Irans influence on the PMF, will form a new grouping called the Mobilisation of Holy Shrines.

The UK-based outlet said the militias joining the new umbrella group include the Abbas Combat Division, Ali al-Akbar Brigade, Ansar al-Marjiya Brigade and Imam Ali Division.

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