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PRO-IRAN LINE OF IRAQ'S HASHED CHALLENGED BY INTERNAL DISSENT

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Around the corner from Iraq's holiest shrines, a years-long struggle over allegiances and resources is coming to a head □ threatening a deep schism within the powerful Hashed al-Shaabi (Popular Mobilisation Forces) network.

The growing fissure pits the vast Iran-aligned wing of the Hashed al-Shaabi against four factions linked to the shrines of Iraq's twin holy cities, Karbala and Najaf.

Those factions, dubbed the Shrine Hashed and comprising around 20,000 active fighters, held their first strategic planning meeting earlier this month.

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