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## **JORDAN AND IRAQ IN TALKS TO RESTART OIL EXPORTS TO KINGDOM, OFFICIALS SAY**

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The Amman and Baghdad governments have initiated contact to restart Iraqi oil exports to Jordan, energy officials said on Monday, after another halt in a deal long affected by political differences between the two.

The latest pause comes after Jordan drew the ire of Iran's allies in the Middle East by helping to intercept missile and armed drone barrages on Israel last month, in rare, direct hostilities between Israel and Iran.

It also followed a joint declaration between Amman and Kuwait that supported Kuwaiti claims to a maritime area disputed by Iraq.

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