
IRAQI ARMY CLASHES WITH HASHED AL-SHAABI FORCES IN KARBALA

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The incident involved the Iraqi army and members of the Hashed al-Shaabi, mainly pro-Iran Shiite former paramilitaries integrated into the Iraqi security forces, an interior ministry official told AFP under cover of anonymity due to the issues sensitivity.

The pre-dawn clash occurred about five kilometres (three miles) from Karbalas old city when four Hashed vehicles attempted to go through an Iraqi army roadblock on a street reserved for pedestrian pilgrims, the official said.

The army prevented the vehicles from passing although both sides fired weapons into the air without causing injuries, the official added.

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