

Iran-backed militias in Iraq are ready to disarm following Trump's threats

Several of the Iran-backed militia groups operating in Iraq are set to demilitarize for the first time to avoid conflict with the US following President Trump's threats to Tehran's proxies, senior Baghdad officials said.

Ten senior commanders and Iraqi officials urged the capital to begin the process of disarming and disbanding the militias operating in Iraq to avoid the worst-case scenario with the US.

"Trump is ready to take the war with us to worse levels, we know that, and we want to avoid such a bad scenario," a commander of Kataeb Hezbollah, the most powerful Shiite militia operating in Iraq, told Reuters.

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