

Iran unsure about Iraqi conference

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TEHRAN - Iranian Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki said Thursday officials are still discussing whether to participate in a conference with Iraq's other neighbors.

Mottaki told the Japanese deputy foreign minister the government has not made its final decision, the Fars News Agency reported.

"According to the previous approvals, the meetings of Iraq's neighbors were supposed to be arranged in the form of a summit of the foreign ministers of Iraq's neighboring states to reinvigorate (Prime Minister) Nouri Al-Maliki's administration, strengthen Iraq and help establish stability in that country, and this issue is now under discussion," he said.

Mottaki and the Japanese official discussed economic ties between the two countries. Mottaki said the two countries also need to discuss policy on Afghanistan.

Two conferences are scheduled for May 3 and May 4 in the Egyptian resort of Sharm el Sheikh. The first is a meeting of donor nations on reviving the Iraqi economy, while the second is on security.

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