

# Iraq Signs Collaboration Deal With Russia, Iran, Syria on ISIS Fight

I'm not sure we should be too upset about this. Goodbye, ungrateful volcano. From the [Mosul, its second-largest city](#).

The deal was prompted in part by "increased Russian concern about the presence of thousands of terrorists from Russia undertaking criminal acts with Daesh," the ministry said.

It further compounds America's declining influence in the Middle East, as [striking Islamic State in Iraq and Syria](#) from the air since last fall is grappling with a series of high-profile setbacks.

Iraqi and Kurdish ground forces lost [failing to coordinate with U.S. officials](#).

Our next President will have to form a working relationship with Russia. It should have begun a long time ago because in this war – the war between civilization and barbarism – we're on the same side. We don't have to love each other to recognize common interests and to act in a coordinated manner.