
Iran, Turkey sign security MOU

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Iranian and Turkish officials have signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) in an effort to promote their security cooperation.

The agreement was signed by Abbas Mohtaj, Iran's deputy interior minister for security and political affairs, and Turkey's Interior Ministry Undersecretary Osman Gunes at the 12th Iran-Turkey High Security Commission meeting in Ankara.

"The increase in some terrorist activities in the region damages both countries, and the most effective way to tackle this problem is intelligence and security cooperation," the MOU says.

During the two-day meeting, the two neighboring countries discussed measures to deal with the threats posed by the outlawed Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) and the Party for a Free Life in Kurdistan (PJAK), a PKK offshoot operating in Iran.

Meanwhile, the two countries' officials agreed to have the next meeting of the Turkey-Iran High Security Commission next April in Tehran.

The PKK is considered a terrorist organization by a large majority of the international community, including the European Union and the United States.

The Islamic Republic has slammed the White House for supplying PJAK to stir up ethnic unrest in the country.
