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Iraq has issued a thinly-veiled warning to Moscow for apparently side-stepping Baghdad in its oil and gas dealings in the Kurdistan Region, after Russian energy minister Alexander Novak claimed there was "no objection" to state-backed players Gazprom and Rosneft forming alliances in Erbil.

Iraq's oil ministry said Novak did not discuss the activities of state-backed energy companies in the country's semi-autonomous northern region in a recent meeting with Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi

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