



## Friendly Match: Al-Ahli (Qatar) 0-4 Iraq



### IRAQ THRASH AL-AHLI BY FOUR GOALS IN PREPARATION FOR CRUCIAL QUALIFIER

Iraq put four goals past Qatar Stars League side Al-Ahli on Thursday in their final friendly game before the must-win encounter with UAE in World Cup Qualifying on 15 November.

Left-back Dhurgham Ismail opened the scoring for the Lions with a smart finish in the first-half, before captain on the day Alaa Abdul-Zahra doubled the lead four minutes into the second period.

The game was sealed towards the end by two of Iraq's promising players from the Iraqi League. 19 year old Amjad Attwan of Naft Al-Wasat scored the third goal, while Al-Minaa striker Mohammed Jabbar Shokan, the third-highest scorer of the 2016-17 league so far, bagged Iraq's final goal with 13 minutes left on the clock.

Iraq's lineup was a strong one, with Mohammed Hameed in goal behind centre-backs Ahmed Ibrahim and Mustafa Nadhim and full-backs Waleed Salem and Dhurgham Ismail. Saad Abdul-Amir and Brwa Nouri were in the centre of the park with Ahmed Yasin and Justin Meram on the wings, and Alaa Abdul-Zahra played behind striker Mohanad Abdul-Raheem. The lineup for this match is set to be very

similar to what Iraq will play against UAE, so this is a good confidence-boosting victory, although UAE (boasting Asian Footballer of the Year nominee Omar Abdulrahman) will undoubtedly be a much tougher test than Al-Ahli.

To see Dhurgham Ismail's goal in this game, [click here](#).