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Iraq Tactical: Official working hours to be suspended in Basra on November 18 due to football match; allot for disruptions

Current Situation:

- Basra Governor Asaad al-Edani announced the suspension of official working hours on November 18 to allow fans to support the Iraqi team in its decisive football match against the UAE to qualify for the 2026 World Cup qualifiers.
- The match is slated to take place during the evening hours (local time) at the Basra International Stadium on November 18.

Source: [NINA](#)

Recommendations:

1. Those operating or residing in Basra on November 18 are advised to allot for disruptions to public administration services and business activity due to the suspension of official working hours.
2. Allot for disruptions around the Basra International Stadium due to anticipated traffic and increased footfall in the area, which may result in road closures. Seek alternative routes to minimize delays.

