

## Sayyid Al-Hakeem: Iraq's Duty Towards Regional Crises Must Align with Iraqi Reality, Capabilities



At the Baghdad Bureau for Professionals and Union Elites and Competencies, Sayyid Ammar Al-Hakeem, Head of the National State Powers' Alliance, discussed the challenges facing the region and the atrocities committed by the Israeli occupation in Gaza and Lebanon. These actions have caused massive destruction in both Palestinian and Lebanese territories, witnessed by the entire world.

H.E. emphasized the International Criminal Court's decision was globally welcomed, with only a few countries opposing it. H.E. added that Acts of killing and destruction cannot be considered victories for any nation. True triumph comes from achieving goals, while revolutionary movements succeed by blocking their opponents and preventing them from reaching their objectives. H.E. pointed out that the Israeli occupation's violence has fueled resistance and a spirit of defiance within Palestine, ensuring that the determination to resist continues.

H.E. affirmed Hezbollah's steadfastness has forced Israel to deploy five military divisions and elite forces without achieving its stated goals, including the return of displaced people to northern occupied Palestine. This failure even led Israeli media to acknowledge the strength and resilience of Hezbollah fighters, describing the resistance in Palestine and Lebanon as extraordinary. H.E. stated Iraq's response to the regional crisis must reflect its capabilities and realities. We emphasized the importance of political, media, and humanitarian support, calling for carefully planned aid to both Palestine and Lebanon.

H.E. noted that the population census is a major achievement and a sign of progress for Iraq. and affirmed that Union activities signal social recovery. H.E. encouraged unions and syndicates to expand their efforts, advocate for people's rights, and engage the public in supporting the political system.

H.E. urged unions and syndicates to encourage public participation in elections, move away from negative rhetoric, promote the value of voting, and highlight Iraq's development and service projects. Achievements surpass what many realize, and H.E. stressed the need for optimism and positive interaction with Iraq's current reality. H.E. said that Iraq should transition away from a rentier economy and reduce its reliance on oil revenues, safeguarding against price

fluctuations. H.E. highlighted the importance of focusing on agriculture, industry, investment, tourism, modern technology, and developing infrastructure while promoting a culture of active participation across these sectors.

H.E. reiterated the need to involve sectoral stakeholders in drafting and enacting any new laws.