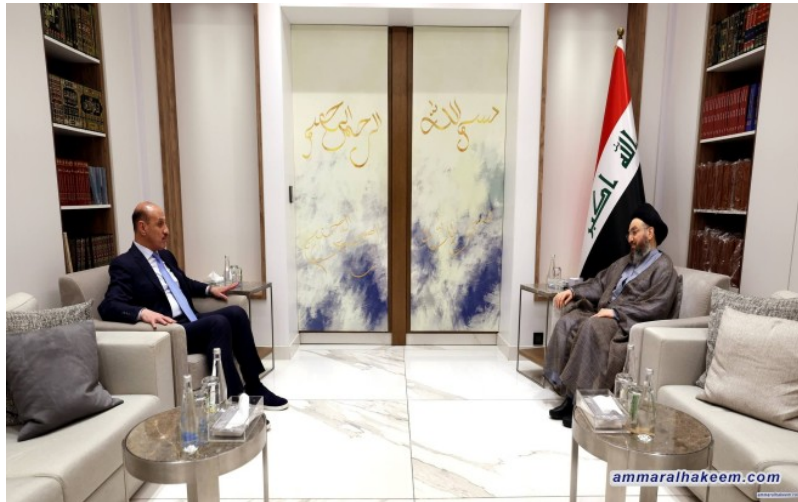


Sayyid Al-Hakeem Stresses World Cup Preparation Importance, to Set Football Federation Elections' Positive Climate



His Eminence Sayyid Al-Hakeem, Head of the National State Powers' Alliance, met this evening with the Chairperson of the Iraqi Football Association, Captain Adnan Dirjal.

H.E. Sayyid Al-Hakeem renewed his congratulations to the Iraqi national team on qualifying for the World Cup, affirming the importance of intensifying preparations to deliver an honorable performance befitting Iraq's reputation and commensurate with the long wait to return to this prestigious global tournament.

H.E. called for fostering a positive climate ahead of the Association's upcoming elections, stressing that competition must be grounded in electoral programs that serve Iraqi football and contribute to the development of the local league.