

## **Sayyid Ammar Al Hakim: The Iraqi Crisis Needs Security, Political and Societal Solution, And the Development of a State of Institutions**

Sayyid Ammar Al Hakim, head of the Islamic Supreme Council of Iraq, insisted that the Iraqi problem needs solutions at the security, political and societal levels, in addition to the development of a State of institutions, and a clear vision regarding the regional and international relations based on the proximity to and distance from the Iraqi interest. His eminence called for a security vision far from improvisation, where priorities are identified and competent tools are selected according to well-studied plans, and for more integration between the security apparatuses, the army, the police, the popular crowd, the Peshmerga and the tribes. He explained that politicians will relinquish sectarian-based talks when they find no public to hear them, expressing his regret for seeing people misusing the sect or ethnicity for political purposes. His eminence highlighted as well the importance of turning Iraq into a meeting point for adversaries in the region instead of being a zone for their conflicts, calling for an administrative revolution that eliminates

bureaucracy and traditional managerial methods which have become a burden on the state and on the citizens. Sayyid Al Hakim also urged the youth to get involved in the political work because the Iraqi regime is a parliamentary regime that counts on the representation of different parties and gives weight to the voice of entities not of individuals.

This came during his eminence's speech in Diwan Baghdad on Saturday, 23/5/2015, in the presence of a large number of young leaderships and civil society activists.

His eminence stressed the need to couple security work with a political project that is reassuring to everyone and differs from former projects which were based on the principle of "Give us" to replace them with the principle of "What should we give to the other, to our country partner?". Furthermore, his eminence assured that a project that guarantees everyone's rights will be more beneficial to everyone in the building of the country, calling for quick solutions to the crisis of the displaced by returning them to their cities. He also expressed his regret for the expansion of the sectarian speech and calls for division, indicating that they are the result of frustration and underlining the importance of preferring the public interest over personal interests.

Sayyid Ammar Al Hakim prompted the young leaderships to take initiatives, play roles, meet political leaderships and convince them of the necessity to adopt a national speech away from sectarianism and racism and to diffuse the culture of forgiveness, love and tolerance. In this context, his eminence pointed out that the strength of the youth will make all politicians and organizations rush upon them, calling on them to focus on the positives and identify the good sides of the phase. He also mentioned that the displaced youngsters should play a role in freeing their cities. Finally, his eminence lauded the initiatives recently launched such as "I read", "No to sectarianism", and others, advising the youth to eliminate doubts about the Iraqi situation and to form an electronic army in charge of protecting the community from rumors without using offense as a means of response method.