

Sayyid Ammar Al Hakim Calls for Comprehensive Changes in Officeholders and People Assuming Public Service



Sayyid Ammar Al Hakim, head of the Islamic Supreme Council of Iraq, called to make comprehensive changes in public service employees in order to pump new blood and counter administrative corruption and abuse of power. His eminence explained that making substitutions and changes in the positions and responsibilities does not mean in any way removing people from office, but the end of such measure is to assign competent persons to new positions and responsibilities so as to revive these jobs and prevent any carelessness or slackening by public servants and those assuming public positions. He also highlighted the need to encourage and reward elements who are good, hardworking and reliable and takes on public service seriously, and he insisted at the same time on the need to strengthen the procedures against the slackers and the bureaucrats who don't serve the people and use their positions to humiliate the people and achieve victory for themselves and their parties. This came during the Ramadan night held at his eminence's office in Baghdad on Tuesday, 7/7/2015, which also included a mourning and remembrance gathering on the occasion of the attack on Imam Ali (AS). His eminence pointed out that there are many job positions assumed by persons with a good reputation who work day and night, adding that it would be unjust to consider that everyone is not working, or stealing and offending the jobs they are doing. He assured as well that the country can only get back on its feet in the presence of these honorable people and of the Iraqi citizens in the popular crowd, the police and the armed forces and the public servants from the lowest ranks up until the top of the pyramid. Therefore, he considered that it is imperative to reward and recognize these people to prevent any feeling of weakness or negligence among those performing their duties with honor, integrity and honesty, clarifying that this should be also carried out alongside with the honoring of innovators, scholars, writers and intellectuals during their lifetime not after their death or martyrdom.

The head of the Islamic Supreme Council of Iraq lauded the efforts of a number of officials, members of parliament and officeholders who are providing their services in the front rows of our security forces because of the need for their services and their preference for these duties over positions and high ranks, considering this as part of a big commitment to the values of Islam and the recommendations of our prophet and his pure household (may peace be upon them).

His eminence presented in his speech parts of the recommendations of Emir Al Mu'minin and master of rhetoricians (AS) that he made to his leaders and walis and that represent a beacon for believers in their way of dealing with the people and with those in charge of the matters of Muslims and their countries. These recommendations also show his way of dealing with public money and trustees and his position from the walis, his firm treatment with them and his scrutiny of every small detail in their attitude.