

## **Sayyid Ammar Al Hakim: We Strongly Refuse Intimidation, Extortion and Means that are Immoral and Far From Patriotism and We Accept Constructive Criticism**



Sayyid Ammar Al Hakim, head of the Islamic Supreme Council of Iraq, affirmed that he strongly refuses intimidation, extortion and means that are immoral and far from patriotism used by some to obtain temporary political gains. He explained that the Martyr of the Niche movement assesses its governmental experience and the performance of its men, and defines their strengths and weaknesses, works on developing the tools and accepting constructive criticism. His eminence insisted that the Martyr of the Niche movement knows very well its legal obligation and national duty and has a promising project under the slogan "We review and don't regress". He asserted that the Martyr of the Niche Movement is self-confident and that it recognizes its size, is aware of its national project and has a clear and practical preview of the future, and also mentioned the big and efficient initiatives launched by the Movement, its discreet defense of the country and the dogma, and the formation of Ashura brigade, Al Aqida brigade, Al Jihad brigade, as well as the Turkmen brigade and Al Ahwar brigade since the first days of the start of the Popular Crowd.

This came during the sermon delivered on Eid al Fitr prayer in Baghdad led by his Eminence on Saturday, July 18, 2015.

Furthermore, Sayyid Ammar Al Hakim called the Martyr of the Niche members not to be dragged into the side conflicts and the marginal issues and not to allow those who shout loud to sow tension in their relationships with their doctrinal fellows and to be a role model, urging the members of the Movement to avoid contact with people who tend to shouting and chaos and to listen instead to the allies and friends as those give honest advice. His eminence clarified that the Supreme Council and the Martyr of the Niche Movement set right their relations and speech with the partners in the country in the national arena and from all components based on their belief in one united Iraq and common country, adding that this however does not mean that we can't express our reserves and comments about some unacceptable transgressions especially those that target our doctrinal and national principles. He explained that some politicians evade their inner problems within the party, the sect or the ethnicity by exporting such problems to the national arena and hide behind sectarian, nationalistic or regional mottos instead of facing their problems with courage and clarity, affirming that such attitude constitutes a great risk to Iraq and its stability.