## Sayyid Ammar Al Hakim Sends a Cable to Pope Francis First to Wish Him a Blessed and Merry Christmas

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Sayyid Ammar Al Hakim, head of the Islamic Supreme Council of Iraq, sent on Saturday, 26/12/2015, a cable to Pope Francis First wishing him a merry Christmas and a blessed new year.

His eminence extended his wishes for peace and security all over the world especially that this year's Christmas coincides with the birth of the prophet (PBUH), which reminds us of the values of love and peace. He also called to combat extremism and reject racist thoughts.

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Below the text of the cable:

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Eminence Pope Francis First

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Pope of the Vatican

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Greetings,

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It is our pleasure to extend to you, and through you to all the Christians of the world, our sincere wishes of blessings on the occasion of the birth of the prophet of love Issa (AS) and the Christian new year, which coincides this year with the Muslims' celebration of the birth of the prophet of mercy Mohammed (PBUH). On these blessed days, we remember the values of love, brotherhood and forgiveness brought by the prophets of love and peace. These values strengthen our collective work spirit and encourage communication and dialogue among all religions and different cultures to eradicate extremism and spread security and harmony in the world.

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I wish your holiness good health and the Christians of the world peace and prosperity.

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Ammar Al Hakim

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Head of the Islamic Supreme Council

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Baghdad

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12 Rabi' al-awwal 1437 AH

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24/12/2015 AD