

## **In His Meeting with the President of the Football Association, Sayyid Ammar Al-Hakim Calls For Intensifying Efforts to Lift the Ban on Iraqi Stadiums**



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As he communicates with the sport society actors, Sayyid Ammar al-Hakim, head of the Islamic Supreme Council of Iraq, received on Sunday, January 10, 2016, in his office in Baghdad, the Iraqi Football Association delegation headed by Mullah Abdel Khaleq Massoud.

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During the meeting attended by the head of Al-Hakim Foundation for Youth and Sports, Hamed al-Moussawi, His eminence stressed the need to intensify and concert efforts to lift the ban on Iraqi stadiums. He urges, as well, the officials in the Ministry of Youth and Sports, the Olympic Committee and the sports federations to adopt the highest degree of coordination among them to develop the sport situation.

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His Eminence declares the importance of making legislations that support sport and get rid of the old laws that are no longer able to keep up with the rapid development of the sport, since it is not just individual or collective movements but it includes now all the society and it has economic, societal and even political consequences; thus it was called the peoples' union. At the same time, he called on communicating with the legislative authorities to come up with a unified vision about legislation that serve the sports and exploit the youth reality of the community.

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For his part, Mulla said in a press conference held after the meeting, that the meeting was to connect with His eminence, Sayyid al-Hakim, and to show his support for the athletes. He also pointed out to the rebound of the country's financial crisis on football, declaring that Iraq will support, for the presidency of FIFA, the one who takes upon himself to lift the ban on Iraqi stadiums, whether the candidate is Sheikh Salman al-Khalifa, head of the AFC, or the Prince Ali Bin Al Hussein.