

Sayyid Ammar Al-Hakim congratulates adding the marshes and historical sites of Iraq to the World Heritage list and calls to work hard to transform the cities of the south to tourism attraction sites

Sayyid Ammar Al-Hakim, chairman of the Islamic Supreme Council of Iraq, congratulates adding the marshes and historical sites of Iraq to the World Heritage list, calling for spending intensive efforts to make Iraqi cities as tourism attraction sites and to be proportionate to the deep cultural and historical heritage of Iraq.

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His eminence during a meeting with governor of Basra, Mr. Majid Nasrawi Monday, 18/07/2016, praised the efforts made to reach voting for the favor of the matter, noting that the Iraqi marshes and areas with archaeological heritage need an integrated program to be coordinated by federal government and local governments based on a scientific study, and to take advantage of international experiences in similar actions.

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His eminence also stressed the importance of changing societal viewpoint towards foreign tourists, because there is a negative perception that must be addressed, and handling tourists as seekers for the beauty and heritage, and to provide services to tourists with considerations to the culture of the cities of southern Iraq, stressing the need for the provision of infrastructure like; paving streets and the establishment of airports and hotels to serve the common weal. Tourism in Iraq is like inexhaustible oil resource and will not be affected by fluctuations of market prices.

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In respect of Basra, his eminence was briefed by the governor Basra Mr. Nasrawi on aspects -of services and security in Basra province, stressing the need to implement a the I'tilaf Al Muwatin (The Coalition of The Citizen) program utilizing the available potentials, calling the Iraqi ministries to implement its projects in the provinces with continuance monitoring on the implementation progress, in order to know the actual reasons of completion delays, protecting local governments from negative feedback, plus calling local governments to publically disclose the projects\' implementation attribution to ministries, particularly in Basra and generally in the remaining provinces of Iraq.