

## **Sayyid Ammar al-Hakim urges tribal leaders of southern Mosul to elect figures who lived through the ordeal in the upcoming elections**



Head of the National Iraqi Alliance, Sayyid Ammar al-Hakim, stressed the need to protect young people from the deviant terrorist ideology and extremism, which were the main reasons of Daesh control on areas in Iraq, warning of characters seeking to divide Iraq for personal gains which stand out clearly through holding conferences that do not represent Iraq's interests.

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This took place during his eminence meeting with gathering of tribal elders and figures of southern Mosul held at his office in Baghdad, Saturday, 25.02.2017

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His eminence appreciated the stand of tribes facing Daesh terrorism, stating \"the blood of all Iraqis mixed in the battle to liberate the cities from Daesh terrorist gangs from the south and the north, after people of the south rushed and heeded the call of the supreme religious authority. \"

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His eminence reiterated his opinion towards sectarianism being a political sectarianism, and not societal sectarianism, citing the rate of mixed marriages between sects and tribal cohesion, and religious diversity within a single tribe that prohibit the chief of a tribe from leading the tribe in a sectarian manner.

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His eminence shouldered Iraqi tribes the responsibility to embrace the youth especially in the post-Daesh to protect them of terrorist extremist ideology, which makes our young people wood to fire of wars based on a twisted thought, calling them to feel the heroism of the popular mobilization forces and security forces and their sacrifices for the liberation of their areas, stressing the need to defend the popular mobilization forces from projects that target them in media and politics.

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Head of the National Iraqi Alliance, called the tribes of southern Mosul to have a bigger role in knowing names of terrorists, and provide information that promote confidence between tribes and security forces, avoid the detention of innocent people and facilitate distinguishing between Daesh affiliates and innocent people, especially in the liberated areas. His eminence urged to elect patriotic figures in the incoming elections, especially those who lived through the suffering during the days of the ordeal, and not the characters who roam the world for its

own personal interests away from the interests of the country, pointing to the importance of displaced families' resettlement after the completion of security procedures and the clearing the areas of terrorist remnants.