

Sayyid Ammar al-Hakim calls for athletes to present honest and efficient sport figures to reach the political decision-making



Head of the National Iraqi Alliance, Sayyid Ammar al-Hakim, called sports medium to agree on sports figures who are honest and efficient in order to be elected through their voting to reach the heart of political decision-making, whether in parliament or the government, noting that the presence of athletes contribute to the advancement of sport for they are the most knowing to its concerns and challenges, stressing the importance of care to sport stars and make them role models for young people to represent a positive influence on youth, as well as the need for ethics and sportsmanship in all aspects of life.

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This took place during his eminence's speech marking the start of the seventh Aziz al-Iraq Championship finals, at his Baghdad office Saturday, 04/03/2017, the championship included seven thousand local teams from all provinces in the country. His eminence urged the community to do sports and make it a societal sport, shouldering governmental and non-governmental institutions responsibilities to develop societal sports especially women's sports while maintaining the religious and societal and eastern criteria.

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Head of the National Iraqi Alliance, stressed that sports has a lot of messages and it is no longer just about individual or group practices, but it took a fair part of peoples' attention at which institutions and academies were founded particularly for sports, and among these messages is a message of life and a message of morals, in terms of group performance that dissolve the drive of an individual for the favor of the group and for the goals that are sought by everyone, plus the symbolic patriotic message as the national anthem is sang in international gatherings that enhances the affiliation of the citizen and his pride of his homeland. His eminence indicated that sports also has political messages internally and at the level of the country's relations with the other countries of the world, and this represent an important means to the communal and international cohesion, pointing out that some abnormal behaviors of some youth are resulting from the emptiness, and providing development and support to sports would fill the hollowness and bloom the positive energies that youth have.

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His eminence pointed to the importance of the developing of popular sports and selecting talents to supply clubs and national teams, stressing that selecting talents of the most important levers that drive the youths to present their best at what they do, giving examples of international, regional and national stars who have been active in local activities until they were discovered and then sponsored. His eminence stressed the need to improve working on

sports and elevate it from traditional to professional according to international standards, while calling sports media to keep pace with the sports professionalism to have a professional sports media that is supportive and assistive to the sports movement.