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Head of the National Iraqi Alliance, Sayyid Ammar al-Hakim, called the political powers to sit on dialogue table and invest reason and compensate for lost time and opportunities wasted, and that everyone offers concessions rather than to be regionally and internationally imposed on Iraqis, and urged parliamentarians to take responsibility in supporting all legislation that contribute to the achievement of justice Iraqi women.

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Head of the National Iraqi Alliance during his participation in the ceremony held at the Iraqi House of Representatives marking the International Women's Day Sunday, 03/12/2017, stated " I am pleased and honored to be with you today and in the Iraqi House of Representatives, where the first and last word are the people, and you are their representatives .. In memory of the eighth of March, International Women's Day, which coincides this year with the anniversary of the birth of Zahra (peace be upon her) , which is considered the Iraqi women day. \"

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His eminence stressed that justice with women are the justice to community and the people and future generations, a justice to the homeland, a salute to all Iraqi Women and their extraordinary patience, and a tribute to the tears of martyrs' mothers of victims of rape and female captives, a greeting to the active parliament women, who know that their presence in the parliament is a great responsibility and commitment to all the women of Iraq and their justified cases before being a commitment to an entity or an affiliated mass, the Issues of women are one and justice for women does not vary with political orientation and are not impeded by religious and ethnic boundaries

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Sayyid Ammar al-Hakim addressed Iraqi women stating: \"You are the mountains, plains and marshes of this country and you are the unwavering braves, you are the title of sacrifice and courage, nobility and giving, you are the pride and national honor and human compassion, and to

my captive sisters and rape victims, the displaced and oppressed, I say; I swear by your honor that was violated by diabolical terrorism, and I swear by all the cries of pain and unfairness that all Iraq\'s honorable men from Faw to Zakho are your brothers, fathers and protectors, who are now they are continuously defeating the followers of devil and myths, and with each burst of bullets a tidings of victory is sent to your cities and villages to give freedom for you, your brothers and sisters, your husbands and families ...

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Adding \"The majestic Iraqi women had paid a heavy price during the conflicts faced by our country for more than four decades, she was the one who bear through the pain of fords and social and political intersections, and on both sides, women bear the brunt of suffering and tears.\"

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His eminence advised female members of the parliament to not compromise in supporting all laws or legislations that support the steadfastness of the Iraqi women and preserves their dignity, \"you are the pride of Iraq and the icon of Iraqi women in political action, and through you women triumph and achieve the sought justice\", indicating that \"we cannot achieve a reconciled society with itself if the wives feel discrimination and persecution, and be the victim of political authoritarianism and conflicts, to adopt women\'s cases and defend them is not an intellectual luxury or a political propaganda exercise, but it is the heart of our project to build the society, the state and protect the homeland. \"

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The Head of the National Iraqi Alliance, stated, \"Today, women comprise the largest segment in the community and to build their cases leads us to find solutions to most complicated problems of our society. Terrorism soon will be defeated and our towns and villages will soon be liberated, God willing, but there are big and deep wounds afflicted our societies, and if our fighters are wounded physically as they defend, the women who were direct or indirect victims to this war were psychologically injured and need special handling and special treatments and here comes the role of the legislative institution by adopting projects that assist the executive branch to deal with the post-war period ..

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His eminence noted that \"this year is a more difficult in its challenges than 2003 that witnessed the change and the price was far too high and painful to everyone, we live in times of big regional and international shifts and fateful intersections, and this year will be crucial in shaping the map of alliances and distribution areas of influence in our region, and we as Iraqis should rise above small considerations and put the interests of our people and our

nation above any political or sectarian considerations, sooner or later, we will eventually sit at the same table, so why not invest in wisdom and benefit of previous experiences and save our people and nation the wasted time and opportunities, why not sit and talk and define mutual points and points of intersection to dissolve them and find solutions ... Why we do not concede for each other, rather than concessions are imposed regionally and internationally?

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And his eminence reiterated that \"nations are not built by wishes and overbidding, but through real projects, sacrifice, modesty and mutual concessions, soon history will judge us and it won't be merciful if we neglected the future of children in the mountains of Kurdistan, or the suffering of a child in the streets of Mosul, or Ramadi, or the dream of children in Basra.\"

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His eminence concluded his speech addressing members of the Iraqi House of Representatives, stating \"beloved ones, you represent the protectors of legitimacy and people, and you are able to do a lot and present a model that stands in front of politicians to encourage them to give up some of their ineligible projects and narrow insights.\"