

## **Sayyid Ammar al-Hakim from Basra confirms that the province should be the development gate for Iraq while guaranteeing the province's rights**

Head of the National Iraqi Alliance, Sayyid Ammar al-Hakim, stressed on the need to make the province of Basra the development portal for entire Iraq, and ensure their rights through the announcement of the project draft, Basra Iraq's economic capital, stressing the importance of shifting the project of the Big Port of Fao to be on investment if the government is unable to complete it.

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This took place Monday, 10/4/2017 during his eminence presiding the delegation of the National Iraqi Alliance meeting with the local government of Basra and officials in the province as part of a series of previous meetings held by the National Iraqi Alliance in six provinces. Sayyid Ammar al-Hakim saluted the sons of Basra for the sacrifices they made over the past decades and their honorable standing in the face of Daesh terrorism through their

extensive participation in the different formations of the security forces and popular mobilization forces.

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His eminence pointed out that Basra, as well as the importance of the oil sector in Basra, has border crossings and water ports, which provide promising opportunities if the resources are invested well, plus the need for a new vision in the development of agriculture, exploitation of heritage and marshes, the sports city and Basra airport, which are actual resources that contribute to develop economy in the province.

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Regarding the Basra Iraq's economic capital project, his eminence indicated that this project was lost in place because of complexities, the project is not a sort of formality, but a breakthrough towards the advancement of the province and a guarantor of the province rights, stressing that \"there is support from various blocs outside the National Iraqi Alliance for this project and the project became an agreed matter\" .

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His eminence stressed on preventing efforts from being scattered and focus on a particular part and make it successful and then make it an experience to be transferred to remaining provinces, because dispersion did not bring a significant prosperity over 13 years, promising that the National Iraqi Alliance will follow up concerns and problems of the province with the executive sides and a holding a conference with competent ministers to resolve what can be resolved of problems and related issues.

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His eminence called for the necessity of organizing military effort outside the cities and distinguish between the military and political tasks of the popular mobilization forces, stressing on excluding the province from political conflicts that are reflected on the security situation as well as tribal conflicts, for the deterioration of security is reflected on the work of oil companies and damage the national economy.