

## **Sayyid Ammar al-Hakim: The current stage needs a state of citizenship that is in line with the challenges of 2017 and beyond**



Head of the National Iraqi Alliance, Sayyid Ammar al-Hakim, stressed that the country needs the state of citizenship in the current phase, noted that the current phase needs mechanisms and means that are different to 2003, at that time Iraq needed to send messages reassuring to all components. His eminence indicated that the community needs and waiting an unbiased national project that disregard private titles and consider the greater national title.

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His eminence during meeting in the Dewan of Baghdad for vocational and union elites and professionals Saturday 12/8/2017, stressed that the step of establishing the Al-Hikma National Movement read the challenges of the current phase, and there is no intersection with the Islamic Supreme Council in respect of values and principles, but the disagreement is in terms of work tools and course of action, they are dear brothers and the closest to us. His eminence pointed out that the success of the Al-Hikma National Movement means it is the a right step and if this fails a new lesson is learnt in politics, but if the Al-Hikma National Movement and the Islamic Supreme Council Succeeded, this is a success for Iraq and the political process.

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Sayyid Ammar al-Hakim indicated that the Al-Hikma National Movement is currently working on the preparation of its internal structure involving Iraqi thinkers of all components, and also working on attendance of all Iraqi components in the upcoming general conference, pointed out that the step seems difficult but the journey of a thousand miles starts with one step, and the liability faced today, will be a turning point in the political blocs\' course of action and will create a motivation towards the broader national space.

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Regarding the elections and its law and the shape of future alliances, his eminence confirmed that Sainte-Laguë does not prevent the rise of small blocs as rumored, yet it is an opportunity to merge blocks and lists to reduce high numbers of leaders that create quotas, explained that the door to alliances is open in line with new approaches and challenges of the current phase.

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His eminence replied to queries of the audience, stressed that the problem of union work lies in laws and regulations, called on unions to support candidates to be their representatives, conductors and demanding their rights, stressed that non-governmental organizations should be independent from the government to achieve their goals.