

Sayyid Ammar al-Hakim Issues a Statement on the Passing Away of Grand Ayatollah, Sayyid Muhammad Baqer Shirazi (May Allah sanctify his soul)



Sayyid Ammar al-Hakim, head of the Islamic Supreme Council of Iraq, issued on Wednesday, May 14, 2014, a statement on the passing away of Grand Ayatollah, Sayyid Muhammad Baqer Shirazi, son of the late great marja, Sayyid Abdullah Shirazi (May Allah sanctify their souls) in which he described the late as the older son of his father and his mate in his famous Jihadi attitudes against the vanished regime of the Shah and the Baathist regime of Aflaq.

The statement adds that Sayyid Muhammad Baqer (May Allah have mercy on him) was a good example of the pious, devout scholar who dedicated his honorable life to the service of the Islamic religion until he passed away last Tuesday at the age of more than 80, leaving behind his library of valuable writings in Fiqh and the principles and his scientific message to his imitators as well as a good reputation everywhere. The statement also considered the death of Sayyid Shirazi as great loss for the nation.

On this painful occasion, Sayyid Ammar al-Hakim extended his sincerest condolences to his other surviving brothers, sons of the marja Shirazi, his sons and his honorable family, wishing them patience.

Here below is the text of the statement:

In the Name of Allah the Most Compassionate the Most Merciful

Surely We Belong to Allah and to Him Shall We Return

We have received with great sorrow the death of Grand Ayatollah, Sayyid Muhammad Baqer Shirazi, son of the late great marja, Sayyid Abdullah Shirazi (May Allah sanctify their souls). The late was the older son of his father and his mate in his famous Jihadi attitudes against the vanished regime of the Shah and the Baathist regime of Aflaq.

The late Sayyid received his first religious studies at the Najaf Hawza where he grew up and attended the superior courses delivered by prominent teachers and faqihs like his father, Imam Sayyid al-Khoei, Sayyid Jamaledin Kalbaykani and Sayyid Mahmoud Shahrudi (May Allah have mercy on them). When the Baathist party of Aflaq took power in Iraq, the late took famous positions against that regime, which caused his arrest for two months in 1971 before being released and sent to Iran. Once there, he pursued his scientific and social efforts at his residence in the holy city of Mashhad, neighboring Imam Ali Ibn Musa al Rida (AS). And after the death of his father, the great marja, he became himself a marja.

He (May Allah have mercy on him) was a good example of the pious, devout scholar who dedicated

his honorable life to the service of the Islamic religion until he passed away last Tuesday at the age of more than 80, leaving behind his library of valuable writings in Fiqh and the principles and his scientific message to his imitators as well as a good reputation everywhere. His death is a great loss to us.. And we ask Allah, the Almighty, to bestow his mercy on him and make him among the inhabitants of His paradise. On this painful occasion, we extend our sincerest condolences to his other surviving brothers, sons of the marja Shirazi, his sons and his honorable family, wishing them patience.

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