

SAYYID AMMAR AL-HAKIM: "STOPPING THE DANGEROUS SECURITY DETERIORATION FALLS ON THE SHOULDERS OF THE SECURITY SERVICES BEFORE ALLAH, THE PEOPLE AND HISTORY."

Sayyid Ammar al-Hakim, Head of the Islamic Supreme Council of Iraq (ISCI), stressed that the responsibility for stopping the dangerous security deterioration falls on the shoulders of the security services before Allah, the people and history. He stressed the necessity of facing the security deterioration through modern means and successful strategies. His Eminence stressed that the bloody nature of the month of September, during which the number of victims reached 360 martyrs and 683 wounded persons plus the flight of scores of emirs of terrorism who had received death sentences, all seem akin to a return to Square One. He stressed that the initiatives which he had launched (the Basra as Iraq's economic capital, the Rehabilitation of Misan and childhood development) are realistic and practical initiatives that stem from the actual needs of important segments of the society, regarding them as messages of hope to a nation in which despair and hopeless infiltrated. This took place during the Cultural Forum for Wednesday, October 3, 2012.

Security Services Benefit from Admitting and Treating their Mistakes

His Eminence wondered about the security checkpoints being targeted, the car bombs, the crimes committed via the use of silencer-equipped weapons up to the targeting of major hinges such as the anti-terrorism administration and the jails: Do not all of these send a signal to the security leaders that terrorism defies them, and that the reins of the initiative are in its hands?! His Eminence stressed that supporting the security forces would be via advice and the providing of consultation motivated by a keen interest in the homeland and the citizen, stressing that terrorism has to be crushed in Iraq, that the citizen must sense safety and security and not become a pawn in the hands of terrorism. He explained that this can be achieved only when the security services admit that some of their plans are a failure and some of its commanders are incompetent. He explained that it is in the best interest of the security institution to admit its mistakes and to treat them because all apologies and justifications no longer convince the citizen, stressing that terrorism in Iraq is not random but organized and is supported by foreign agendas and political entities that have seniority in the Iraqi State and another seniority with terrorism. His Eminence warned about the area developments that will negatively reflect on the security reality. His Eminence added that time is opportune for the security services to think of radical solutions, to review their plans and evaluate their security performance and that of its leaders. His Eminence explained that it is not a strategy to put checkpoints in order to protect the checkpoints in the shade of the terrorist groups taking the lives of people lightly. He directed his statement to the security services, advising them not to drown themselves into the calculations of politics and to focus on their mission in facing terrorism because they have already offered a lot.

Building Man then Building Homelands

The Head of the Islamic Supreme Council of Iraq stressed that the initiatives which he launched aim at serving the homeland and the citizen. They are realistic and practical initiatives that stem from the actual need of important segments in the society, regarding them as hope messages to a nation in which despair and hopelessness have infiltrated, explaining that the "Basra: Economy Capital of Iraq" initiative was launched in order to

raise the Iraqi economic reality via important strategic steps, and also the “Misan Rehabilitation” initiative came to rehabilitate this important and pivotal governorate in Iraq’s past and future.

His Eminence stressed that the “Childhood Care” initiative came due to the realization of the role of this most important segment of the society, the most in its awareness and realization, stressing that the Supreme Council does not move in its initiatives out of partisan, political or regional interests, nor does it teach the sentiments of the masses. Rather, these initiatives came within the frame of building the modern State that respects its people and its own self, imposing respect for it on others. He stressed the necessity of making the people aware of the interest in its matters and affairs, in implementing its dreams, explaining the importance of making the people feel that the country is their homeland, thus their patriotism is strengthened and so is their loyalty to this homeland. His Eminence explained that this is not achieved unless the citizen feels there is justice, pointing out to the Iraqi society’s suffering from a crisis in patriotism because of the dictatorial policies which targeted the relationship between the homeland and the citizen.

Caring for Children: an Important Pillar in the Plan to Build the Modern and Fair State

In his talk about the sense of patriotism, Sayyid Ammar al-Hakim pointed out that the Iraqi citizen suffered from sanctions and wars that did not serve his interests. He was lodged into prisons and banished into exiles, causing the weakening of the patriotic sense and in a weaker sense of responsibility towards the homeland. His Eminence brought the example of the phenomenon of corruption, bribery and terrorism translates a weakness in the sense of patriotism, regarding the initiative of the childhood care fund as an important pillar in the plan to build the fair modern state and not an initiative to mitigate. It is part of the strategic planning for building the society which starts from the child. His Eminence added saying that the children’s segment represents 40% of the society according to international organizations’ criteria since anyone less than 18 years old enters in this segment, i.e. it is about half the society at present. The rest of the society is comprised of those who are older than 20. His Eminence wondered: “Which responsibility is more important than building the society?! If we succeed in this responsibility, we succeed in the rest economic,

political and scientific axes and ultimately earn a healthy society. His Eminence stressed the need to admit that the Iraqi society is suffering from many diseases because the present generation grew up in exceptional decades, warning about these diseases moving to the next generations if children are not taken good care of and stressing that the policy of budget deduction is the only realistic one that is followed by countries in dealing with their balances. He explained that the countries look to their scientific level through their allotments for the scientific research and not to the salaries of those who work in the education and teaching sector and also in its security level. His Eminence wondered: "How can childhood be subjected to maneuvering?!" He stressed that it is an initiative for all children of Iraq from the streets of the Faw to Zakho passing by the Falluja streets. He brought the example for countries looking after their children by deducting percentages for them such as Japan which allots 4% from its budget to care for children, Germany: 3.2%, Malaysia: 5%, etc. He regards looking after children means that Iraq will be well in the next twenty years. His Eminence raised the slogan of building man then building the homelands, stressing the necessity that politics must not turn to be the only interest at the expense of the citizen who represents the basis of the movement.

Students Benefitting from Third Examination Invited to their Relatives' Celebrations of their Success

Sayyid Ammar al-Hakim, Head of the Islamic Supreme Council of Iraq (ISCI), expressed his appreciation of giving students of final phases a third chance to have a third examination, regarding it as a good opportunity for which the entities in charge deserve to be thanked because they have taken into consideration the students' circumstances in the present phase, calling for taking it into consideration due to the importance of maintaining the scientific level. He called on his sons, the students, to invest their time and effort so their families and relatives may be glad.

Early October Witnesses World Elderly Day

Sayyid Ammar al-Hakim stressed that the elderly are the pillar of the society, a reference to the World Elderly Day in early October, pointing out that the elderly are the makers of

our staunch history. They consumed their youth for the sake of the society. He called for looking after them, taking care of them, making them feel that they are esteemed, regarded and respected.