

Stressing the Importance to not Allow the Iraqi Sovereignty to Be Violated under any Pretext, Sayyid Ammar al-Hakim Says: Those Who Want to Assist Iraq in Facing Terrorism Must Prove their Interest to Do So by Making its Armament a Top Priority



Sayyid Ammar al-Hakim, head of the Islamic Supreme Council of Iraq, reiterated that Iraq doesn't need men to fight for it, but it needs weapons and security and intelligence cooperation as well as new technologies that help it chase and do away with the terrorists, calling on those who want to assist Iraq in facing terrorism prove their interest to do so by making its armament a top priority. He noted that Iraq bought weapon shipments from its own funds from the USA for more than \$3 billion, but still hasn't received any up to this moment. According to him, Iraq always welcomes any assistance, even a late one, in its fierce and long war against terrorism, takfirism, and it is important that such assistance meets the requirements of Iraq and its people first and foremost, for Iraq is realistic and is aware of its need for international help in this fierce war which follows no rules because we are fighting gangs thirsty for blood. His Eminence said: "But we must decide the kind of help and the priorities of such help", adding that Iraq accepts the assistance which doesn't violate its sovereignty or impose conditions as to what friend and allies to choose in this war, calling on everyone to help Iraq preserve its sovereignty and to do no further harm to this sovereignty already damaged by the bloody blind terrorism. He also called on the international community to help Iraq protect its borders by stopping the flow of terrorists through the intelligence joint efforts of the neighboring countries, for those ISIS members don't come down from the sky or come out from the ground, but they move from one country to another and from airport to another, crossing the borders. Here, he wondered how some countries allow themselves to be passage and gathering and crossing point to Iraq. He said this attitude sorts out the friends who are serious in helping Iraq from those who pretend so and have their own agendas, reiterating that the violation of the Iraqi sovereignty will not be allowed to be violated under any pretext or cover and the real friends must respect the limits of such sovereignty. He also described the logic that makes the violation of the Iraqi sovereignty by the ISIS members as pretext for Iraq's friends to attack its sovereignty as a twisted logic that the Iraqis totally reject, considering the exclusion of the Islamic Republic of Iraq from the international coalition battle against the ISIS as unlucky step since Iran is a state that stands against terrorism and a major country in the region, and the war against the ISIS requires the mastering of all energies because we are fighting terrorist groups, not a conventional war. He explained that the war against terrorism requires every possible resource. This came during the weekly cultural forum held at his Eminence in Baghdad on Wednesday, September 17, 2014.

How Can We Win the War against Terrorism with Iran Having no Important Contribution in It?

His Eminence made clear that politicizing of the international coalition against the ISIS and terrorism and introducing it in the turmoil of axes will compromise the coalition, reduce its efficiency, and destroys the trust between the countries of the region, adding that "all the interested states should have been invited to the Paris Conference without distinction, because in politics, there are always disputes and intersections, but when we face the same danger, we must work together to counter it, and we must not let our disputes turn into obstacles to our joint efforts ". He reiterated that Iraq has never, and will never abandon its friends, brothers and allies, reminding that Iraq has common borders with Iraq over 1,350 km as well as a common history and great social, geographical and economic similarities, wondering, "how can we win the war against terrorism with Iran having no important contribution in it?", considering this as against logic and against the principle of the coalition to stand against a common enemy. Moreover, he reminded that during World War Two, Europe and the Soviet Union took part in the coalition with the USA against Nazi Germany during the rule of Hitler albeit all the ideological, political and systematic disputes, calling on to draw lessons from the history, including the cooperation with a common enemy without allowing the intersections and disputes to impede such cooperation. He also called on the international community to know that an important reason of the rise of the ISIS and its sister groups is this violent conflict in the political action and the unreasonable axis policy. "We say to all our brothers and friends that the decisions must be studied and reasonable, without being subjected to narrow considerations, because we are all facing an open war in which we need regional and international effort, and Iran is a regionally and internationally major country, not to mention that it is a neighbor with common borders with Iraq, and terrorism is only few kilometers away.

The Provinces Desecrated by ISIS Need Weapons and Coverage; Their Citizens Are Capable of Freeing Them

His eminence addressed the citizens of the violated western provinces saying "This is a historical phase after which nothing will be the same. You have the final say; a land is only freed by its people, honor and dignity are only defended by its people. You are facing today a black plague that is killing you in the name of your defense, that is violating your land under the pretext of freeing you, that is jeopardizing your sons based on the claim of offering them guidance, that is killing them in the name of ISIS-specific jihad far from the authentic Mohammedan jihad." His eminence added "This is your day, let the world see you say a clear "No" to terrorism, to the terrorists and to the criminal members of ISIS. Let the entire world know that you don't need someone to free you but someone who offers you support through weapons and coverage. As for the land, it is yours, so you know it better and you are capable of freeing it". His eminence reminded also during his speech at the cultural forum: "We will plant it with men from Al Faw to Zakho, and we will attack with you like our uncle Al Abbas", insisting that

the Iraqis' war on terrorism is without quarter as it is a battle of existence, of life and death. He indicated that this phase represents the past, present and future of the citizens of Mosul, Al Anbar, Saladin and Siyala, urging them to free their land from the impurity of terrorism.

From Amerli to Dhuluiya, the Story of the Coming Iraqi Victory is Undoubtedly Summed Up

Sayyid Ammar Al Hakim praised the boldness and steadiness of Dhuluiya, stating that its strength shows the Iraq that we know and assuring that the story of the coming Iraqi victory is undoubtedly summed up from Amerli to Dhuluiya. His eminence pointed out that the mingling of Shia blood with Sunni blood in Dhuluiya is a message to ISIS, a message that Iraqis are united and that you strangers have no place among us, lauding the tribes of Al Jabour who were a great example for Iraqi tribes. His eminence affirmed that days will prove that Iraqis will tell a new victory story every day because those who believe in this country are much more than those who stab it in the back, because those are loyal to this country are much more than those who only think about themselves and their interests. He added that Dhuluiya proves that Iraq is saying "No" to terrorism, takfirism and darkness and represents another example of the patience, courage and chivalry of Iraqis, praising the efforts of the heroes of the popular gathering and Peshmerga their defense of Iraq and Kurdistan.

The Parliament's Abstention from Voting for the Candidates of Ministerial Positions is a Healthy Sign

Sayyid Ammar Al Hakim considered that the parliament's abstention from voting for some candidates for the ministerial positions is a healthy sign of parliamentary and democratic work. The parliament's work is not just to say but also to evaluate, discuss, rectify and present alternatives if possible. His eminence stressed the need for a conscious parliament if we are to build a conscious society and a successful state, indicating that the parliament's decisions reflect the understandings happening among the political blocs. When the blocs don't agree on an issue, this will certainly mean that it will not be ratified by the parliament, and this is the essence of the parliamentary democratic process where understandings among the political blocs are embodied in the negative or positive position of their representatives in parliament. His eminence assured that the policy of understandings spares us crises, increases the trust and incites everyone to cooperate, and that the policy of imposition has not been and will not be useful. He finally expressed his hope in seeing a conscious and confident parliament that puts the interest of Iraq before anything else, a parliament that is in agreement in line with the major agreements and understandings among the main political blocs in the country.