

## In the World Forum for the Culture of Peace: Sayyid Ammar Al-Hakim calls to keep the humanitarian cultural heritage



Head of the Reform and Reconstruction Alliance, Sayyid Ammar al-Hakim, attended the World Forum for Culture of Peace, organized by Al-Babtain Cultural Foundation in collaboration with other international organizations, held at the Peace Palace at the International Court of Justice in the Hague, the Netherlands, Thursday 13-6-2019

His eminence called to keep the humanitarian cultural heritage as it occupies a prominent and important position among peoples in the course of their lives in general and their history in particular.

Sayyid Ammar al-Hakim stressed that the cultural heritage of human, the material aspect (ie. monuments, museums, buildings and historical monuments) and non-material aspects (ie. customs, traditions, traditional crafts and folkloric and cultural festivals) is of great importance. It is a universal language, a message of peace, and a means of dialogue among different cultures and to learn more on how others live. His eminence also pointed out that "we are witnessing repeated attempts to destroy this heritage and erase it or blur its

features, as the world is witnessing wars, conflicts, closed thinking and a blinkered  
visions when reflecting and think about this culture".

His eminence called for serious steps to preserve the cultural heritage of humanity by working to reduce the impact of conflicts and wars, and to raise awareness and systematic action to preserve the cultural heritage of humanity as a universal language, a face of dialogue between civilizations and to emphasize this culture as a facet of rooting national identity. And to strive to activate the role that can be played in making peace and convergence of peoples, inclusion and formulation of national awareness and indicators in school curricula, containment of the cultural heritage of peoples, acceptance of the other, exclusion of inferiority toward the history, civilizations and heritage of nations, cognitive empowerment of youth, and collaboration of governmental organizations, civil society organizations and individuals to preserve cultural heritage, to work towards collecting common and similar aspects of human cultural heritage, and international and local organizations cooperation to establish an institution concerned with Iraq's national  
cultural heritage as part of human history.

His eminence pointed out that the culture of peace is not limited to a particular religion, belief or ideology, but rather a human rank. Some or many of them may pasd away without realizing that rank. Therefore "We must work so that everyonet reach it by preserving our  
humanitarian common cultural heritage as a message of peace"