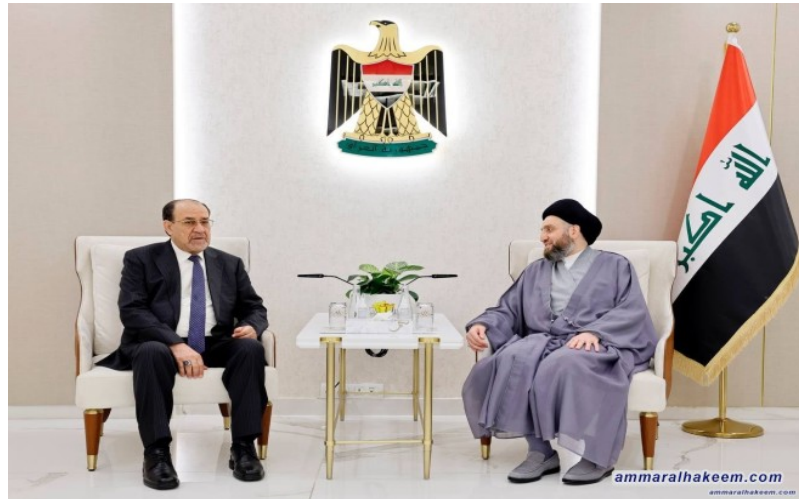


## Sayyid Al-Hakeem calls KDP to reconsider upcoming regional elections withdrawal



Sayyid Ammar Al-Hakeem, Head of Al-Hikma National Movement, convened with Mr. Nouri Al-Maliki, the leader of the State of Law Coalition, and discussed the evolving political landscape in Iraq and the wider region, as well as forthcoming obligations. His Eminence stressed the vital importance of preserving stability and transforming it into a lasting one. Additionally, H.E. reiterated the necessity for a fresh approach to provincial councils, emphasizing the crucial need for the implementation of developmental and strategic initiatives that can positively transform the provinces.

Concerning the selection of a new Speaker for the Parliament, H.E. underscored the urgency of a swift decision and clarified that the division of the three presidencies aims to reassure all components and afford them their rightful entitlements.

H.E. reiterated his call upon the Kurdistan Democratic Party to reconsider its stance on abstaining from regional elections, highlighting the indispensable nature of inclusive participation in the democratic processes of both the nation and the region.

Regarding the crisis in Gaza, H.E. called for an immediate ceasefire, humanitarian assistance for displaced individuals, the reconstruction of the region, and steadfast opposition to the ongoing genocide against a defenseless populace. H.E. held the international community accountable for its silence and justification of the atrocities committed by the Israeli authorities.