

## Sayyid Al-Hakeem affirms Developing Curricula to enhance students' critical thinking, practical skills, independent character development



On the first day of the new academic year, Sayyid Ammar Al-Hakeem, Head of the National State Powers' Alliance, visited several schools in Al-Karkh district of Baghdad to extend congratulations on the school year's commencement. His Eminence encouraged students to contribute positively to themselves, their families, and their country.

H.E. illustrated the significant progress Iraq is witnessing in the school construction sector, with hundreds of new schools now operational and many more being built or renovated, helping to eliminate double shifts in education.

H.E. emphasized the need to develop curricula that promote critical thinking, practical skills, and independent personalities among students. H.E. stressed the importance of fostering optimistic personalities, a strong sense of patriotism, and a love for life and country.

H.E. called for a focus on teamwork and the cultivation of a collaborative culture, moving away from individualism while educating students about balancing rights and responsibilities.

H.E. also underscored the significance of instilling a democratic culture that embraces differing opinions and effectively manages disagreements. Additionally, H.E. pointed out the need to concentrate on the four essential pillars: the student, the school, the teacher, and the curriculum.

Furthermore, H.E. stressed the importance of supporting educational staff by creating a favorable working environment and providing social protections that enable teachers to effectively shape future generations. H.E. urged that the teaching community be given privileges commensurate with their contributions, including land allocations. Lastly, H.E. encouraged remembrance of the students in Palestine, Lebanon, and all nations suffering from the destruction of their educational institutions and schools due to the Israeli occupation.