

## **Sayyid Ammar al-Hakim calls for benefitting from the life stories of prophets and saints in cultivating souls and solidifying ranks.**



Sayyid Ammar al-Hakim emphasized the ties of brotherhood and peaceful coexistence between the Muslims and the Christians in Iraq, stressing the importance of firming cooperation and solidarity among all components and spectrums of the Iraqi people.

This came up when the head of the Islamic Supreme Council of Iraq attended a mass for the birth of Jesus Christ (ﷺ) at the Virgin Mary (ﷺ) Church which is administered by the Ancient Eastern Church in Camp Sarah area in Baghdad on December 25, 2012.

His Eminence explained that Christ (ﷺ) presented lessons for building man and the society, calling for benefitting from the life stories of prophets and saints to cultivate the soul and the conduct and in solidifying the ranks and building the homeland.

On his part, His Holiness bishop Maradi II, head of the Ancient Eastern Church in Iraq and the world lauded the role played by Sayyid Ammar al-Hakim in deepening the Iraqi national unity, appreciating the participation by His Eminence in various occasions which citizens of Iraq celebrate, describing these participations as an important prelude for firming the ties of love and brotherhood among the Iraqis.

Sayyid Ammar al-Hakim, head of the Islamic Supreme Council of Iraq (ISCI), also participated with the Christians in Iraq the Christmas mass at the Mary Joseph for Catholic Syriacs in al-Mansour on Tuesday, December 25, 2012. His Eminence pointed out to the coinciding of the birth anniversary of Christ with the Arba`een of Imam al-Hussain (ﷺ) as evidence that the divine message plans came to emphasize the necessity of outgiving and selflessness while serving humanity, praising the role of the Christians in Iraq and their standing side by side with their brothers from all creeds and spectrums to build and defend Iraq.

On his part, the bishop of Mar Joseph Church, Bishop Biyus Qasha, praised the patriotic address of Sayyid Ammar al-Hakim and his role in demanding the rights of all spectrums and components of the Iraqi people without any exception.