

**Sayyid Ammar al-Hakim says, &quot;We shall be, before other people, opponents of our candidates who do not fulfill their promises to serve the homeland and the citizen.&quot;;**



Sayyid Ammar al-Hakim, head of the Islamic Supreme Council of Iraq (ISCI), stressed that members of the Movement of the Martyr of the Niche will be before others the first contenders of their candidates who do not fulfill their promises and commitments taken from them and on which they signed to provide service to the homeland and the citizen with all the resources they have, stressing that the Movement of the Martyr of the Niche is not seeking power; rather, its goal is to serve people. An example for it is its forfeiting many important positions in the Iraqi state in preference of the public interest and in obedience of the word of the good religious Marji`iyya (highest religious authority).

This came up when His Eminence met sheikhs and dignitaries of the Ubaid tribe in Iraq headed by the son of the tribe's emir in Iraq, namely Sheikh Hussain Ali Al Khayun Al Ubaid, at his Baghdad office on Thursday, March 7, 2013. His Eminence called for granting the vote of confidence to the most competent team that has a plan and a vision, renewing his call to endorse five-year and ten-year plans in providing service to the citizens. He stressed that the absence of plans and visions makes spending random no matter how big it may be, pointing out to the necessity of looking at what has been achieved during the past four years, evaluate it and punish whoever fell short by electing someone else. He drew attention to the necessity of reviewing the past promises and comparing them with the present reality and writing down the promises which the present candidates are making so they may be held accountable for them once their electoral term ends.

Forthcoming governorate council elections must be invested in providing a new image about the New Iraq

His Eminence renewed his emphasis that the governorate council elections are elections for councils that provide the public with services, and that the homeland is built through building its governorates. From here, people will more hold on to their homeland when they see that the services have become a reality and that security prevails. He explained that the Movement of the Martyr of the Niche depended on young candidates because he believed in the youths' role and in their offering the most, stressing the necessity of utilizing the governorate council elections to provide a new image about Iraq ten years after the change.

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His Eminence stressed that all Iraq's problems can be solved if we employ the principle of eradicating crises instead of hatching them. His Eminence regarded grumbling as the language of the handicapped, saying that time is opportune to be present on the field like one unit and to

put the right man in the right place and hand over the flag to the most competent individuals who can serve. He pointed out that Iraq's distinction lies in its social fabric, stressing that the tribe plays a major role in Iraq's strength: Whenever it is present, there will be strength, protection and dignity for the sons of Iraq. He cited the evidence of the tribes' stance during the 1920 Revolution and its alliance with the religious Marji`iyya at the time, calling for looking at the tribe from the door of fatherhood, originality and honor in its capacity as the arm of the Marji`iyya. He explained that imam al-Sistani (may his shade prolong) has a great role in safeguarding the Iraqis' blood and in uniting their word, stressing that the logic of the Marji`iyya is that of the Commander of the Faithful (as) and of the Pure Imams (peace with them all). He drew attention to the role of the Ubaid tribe in supporting the Pure Imams starting from its support for the offspring of Imam Ali (as) and of Imam al-Hassan (as) and for their support of the religious authority. The best example for this is the strong relationship between the emir of the tribe, Sheikh Khayun Al Ubaid and the imam and leader of the sect, Sayyyid Muhsin al-Hakim (may his soul be sanctified), explaining that the Martyr of the Niche (may his soul be sanctified) always remembered the Iraqi tribes' role, regarding them as one of the most important sources of Iraq's strength.