

Sayyid Ammar al-Hakim stresses the necessity of adherence to the elections' timings in all Iraqi governorates

Sayyid Ammar al-Hakim, head of the Islamic Supreme Council of Iraq (ISCI), has stressed the necessity of adhering to the elections' timings in all Iraqi governorates, explaining that elections in some governorates can be postponed for a day or two after the elections so that the security effort may focus on the elections in the rest of governorates. He stressed that a day or two days or even three days postponement must be consulted with the parliament, the Electoral Commission, the security authorities and the local governments in the governorates, expressing his regret for the absence of the culture of bearing the responsibility towards the serious terrorist crimes which are committed against the Iraqi people. He drew attention to the absence of a security official who announces his resignation as a result of the crimes which have been committed. The citizen feels that the Iraqi blood does not count much with some security officials. He called on the political leaderships to pacify the political reality so the political confusion may not reflect on the security reality, stressing that the actual need is for new plans and measures that

enable the citizen to live in peace.

This came up in the speech which His Eminence delivered on during the celebration of the birth anniversary of the human huri, Zainab (as), which he held at his Baghdad office on Wednesday, March 20, 2013.

Security is the issue of a society, and the religious, political and social leaderships must be familiar with the alternative plans

His Eminence stressed that the religious, social and political leaderships have the right to become familiar with the alternative security plans. He justified this by the security being that of a society, and people have the right to know, explaining that the Tuesday attacks, which went on for hours, and before them the overrunning of the ministry of justice, which is in the heart of Baghdad, by the terrorists have represented a quantum development in the movement of the terrorists. He pointed out that shy denouncing and condemnation statements no longer suffice to express the depth of the Iraqi people's wound, calling for thinking of new methods to stop the Iraqi blood letting by not permitting the terrorists to violate the sanctity of the innocent. He drew attention to the fact that the continuation of the attacks for long hours despite the security mobilization and the road blocks raises many questions. He explained saying that the sectarian attitude was present in the explosions which targeted areas that have a majority of people who follow Ahl al-Bayt (as). He pointed out that the movement of terrorists in these areas stirs many questions, stressing that the citizen feels that his blood is worthless when no security official comes out, despite the continuation of the attacks for long hours, to tell people what the precautionary measures are and what the security instructions in such circumstances are.

Increasing the checkpoints and numbers of army and police are unjustified and unacceptable

His Eminence explained that increasing the numbers of army, police and security checkpoints, which have all proven to be ineffective, now hinder people's interests and are neither justified nor acceptable, stressing that it is necessary to focus sufficiently on the

intelligence network and to leave the security plans which have proven to be a failure. He pointed out that complaining about agendas and foreign interferences is no longer accepted by the Iraqi citizen. He explained that the citizen has the right to know why the sonar equipment, which were purchased for millions of dollars, do not work, and he has the right to know the fate of the huge budgets earmarked every year for the security dossier for salaries, training, equipment, etc. He added saying that the citizen looks for satisfactory answers for his questions, explaining that talking about the security breaches does not abolish the role of the brave army and police; rather, it is corrective and directive.

Elections: The most important expression of the system's democracy and for a peaceful transfer of power

In his talk about postponing the elections in both Nineveh and Anbar governorates in the pretext of the deteriorating security situation in both of them, His Eminence wondered whether the security situation in both of these governorates was any better in the years 2005, 2006 and 2009 when many electoral processes took place. His Eminence pointed out to how explanations are given for statements made by the security leaders about the Anbar and Mosul that the situation in them months ago was settle and that the security authorities protect the demonstrators, that the matters are under control. His Eminence retorted, "What has changed?! What are the assurances that the security situation months later will prevail and that no other governorates will be added to both of these governorates, how we can ensure that the postponement of the elections does not turn into a precedent for the future. He stressed that changing the elections is not done except during emergencies and extreme urgencies which we do not find at present. He regarded the postponement in Nineveh and the Anbar as a disturbing step which cannot be endorsed because elections are not only a security subject; rather, it has its political and technical dimensions, stressing that the elections are the most important expression of the regime's democracy and of the peaceful transfer of power on which the constitution stresses, pointing out to the local government in Nineveh stresses the possibility of holding the elections, and that the residents of Mecca are know its valleys best.

The Nowruz Anniversary:

Sayyid Ammar al-Hakim congratulated the Kurdish, Iranian and other nations that celebrate the Nowruz peoples as well as all peoples that celebrate the Nowruz Day, hoping Nowruz will witness a prosperity in the souls as it witnesses a flourishing in nature, that Iraq witnesses a spring full of flowers.

Wise Lady Zainab has a history filled with knowledge, information and outgiving

In his speech on the anniversary of the birth of Wise Lady Zainab (peace with her), His Eminence called on the Syrian people and government officials to protect the shrine of Lady Zainab (as), explaining that talking about Lady Zainab (as) is talking about woman and her status in Islam which has dealt with her in its full and undiminished humanitarian characteristic, making no distinction between her and man. His Eminence pointed out to Islam sees the continuation of progeny in the girl and the boy. His Eminence brought the example of the progeny of the Messenger of Allah ﷺ, drawing attention to Islam seeing the father and the mother as a partner in making the child. Also, the Islamic vision equates man with woman in the doctrinal dimension and in social challenges. He stressed that Islam grants woman the right of political participation and presence in the making of a political decision side by side the man. It also guarantees for her the economic rights, inheritance and ownership in addition to its emphasis on her right to choose her husband. He stressed that the role which Wise Lady Zainab (as) is difficult to sum up with only the Taff Battle, pointing out that she (as) has a history full of knowledge, information and outgiving. One feels stunned by her role (as) as she encountered those storms. He explained that one of her characteristics, peace with her, is turning challenge into an opportunity, piety, God-fearing, acting on the injunctions of the Islamic Shari`a, the psychological mobilization of the nation and the educating about the injustice meted to al-Hussain (as) and how she was distinguished for her oratory, terseness and eloquence.