

## **Sayyid Ammar al-Hakim calls for not turning the electoral competition into a political feud among the blocs.**



Sayyid Ammar al-Hakim, head of the Islamic Supreme Council of Iraq (ISCI), has called for not turning the electoral competition into a political feud among the political blocs participating in it, expressing his hope that the citizens' sentiments will not be taken advantage of and that they will not be duped. His Eminence explained that the governorate council elections are elections for service teams that participate in improving the governorates' conditions and environments in addition to providing what is best, and to compete in the field of public service, the disseminating of the health and science awareness and in the sovereignty of security and order. His eminence regarded the electing of good personalities and slates that represent the interests of the governorate residents is regarded as a victory for the Citizen Bloc regardless of the slate that will win these elections.

This came up when the head of the Islamic Supreme Council of Iraq received a number of sheikhs, dignitaries and personalities of the Al Mas'ood emirate from all governorates of the country at his Baghdad office on Monday, March 25, 2013.

Sayyid Ammar al-Hakim repeated his rejection of postponing the governorate council elections this year in both Nineveh and Anbar governorates for security considerations, bringing to mind the bad security conditions and the challenges that threatened the political process and which prevailed during the governorate council elections and the former parliamentary elections which did not prevent the holding of those elections. He regarded this as violating the constitution's timings. The constitution remains to be the only referee and the one which is acceptable for solving all political differences and disputes and others in the country. Sayyid al-Hakim addressed the sheikhs and dignitaries of the Al Mas'ood emirate to educate their tribesmen, to verify the lists and the candidates and to support the interest of the homeland and of the citizen.