

**During the Symbolic Meeting of the Iraqi tribe leaders, Sayyid Ammar al-Hakim Says: &quot;It Is the Simultaneity of the Economic, Social and Political Issues that Helps the Tribes Advance&quot;;**



Sayyid Ammar al-Hakim, head of the Islamic Supreme Council of Iraq, highlighted the efforts made by the Citizen Alliance to enact a statute at the Parliament that helps the tribes advance, contributing to the development of their social, economic and political situation and thus to that of the society.

This came during the symbolic meeting of the leaders and sheikhs of the Iraqi tribes and clans held in his Eminence office in Baghdad Saturday, 22/6/2013.

On the economic level, he urged the review of laws on the property and the ownership by peasants, investors and whoever wants to give life to the lands that are having a severe slump in productivity and agricultural and animal resources, stressing the necessity of providing easy auto-finance funds for tribes, since the confusion and the loss of ownership of the agricultural land, the financing sources, and the subventions for the crops and the production are main reasons behind the deterioration of the agriculture sector and the Iraqi countryside. According to him, the promises made to fix the economic conditions in the Iraqi countryside and thus of the tribes and cleans will remain unfulfilled as long as the peasants, farmers and countryside dwellers are only tenants unable to improve their situation.

Socially speaking, his Eminence called for helping the tribes play their great long-standing role especially in the places where they are settled, i.e. in the villages and the countryside. Here he pointed out to the schools, the higher-education institutions, the vocational institutes, the hospitals and medical care centers, the infrastructures, the social and medical care, the empowerment of women, senior people and children as things that may revive the tribes and the countryside. He said it is the strength of the tribes that will help them and the villagers play an efficient economic, social and political role in the cities, thus reuniting the cities and the countryside, and eliminating that disagreement based on the exclusion of the other. He also stated that the development of both the countryside and the cities requires the coexistence of their dwellers with their diverse beliefs and different ways of living with an environment characterized by integration, plurality and harmony.

On the political level, his Eminence considered that this economic and social development will give a political role to the countryside dwellers in order to be involved in the political arena, as much as the city dwellers are, this involvement not being reluctant, accessory or only aiming to gain electoral support without forming pressure groups such as syndicates, unions, parties and associations to build the general policy balances in the country, explaining that any policy not involving the city or countryside dwellers will remain incomplete not representing the country's interests in general.

Sayyid Ammar al-Hakim confirmed that it is the simultaneity of the economic, social and political issues that strengthens each other, helps the tribes and clans advance, eliminates

the negative factors in which they are stuck and constitutes for all the citizens the source of their unity, power, security, balance and stability, in addition to ensuring integrated relations while providing the best conditions for all the social fabric components to live under.