## Sayyid Ammar al-Hakim: Patriotism Means that Everyone Must Act with the same Enthusiasm and Motivation to Condemn the Iraqi Bloodshed

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Sayyid Ammar al-Hakim, head of the Islamic Supreme Council of Iraqi, said patriotism means that everyone must act with the same enthusiasm and motivation to condemn the Iraqi bloodshed, whatever the component or the denomination is. He continued that he feels sorry for the lack of condolences and condemnation when the followers of the Household are attacked, explaining that the frequent attack will only make us more committed to the national project and will not lead us to narrow-minded rhetoric. According to him, the followers of the Household are the main victims since they are targeted by the takfiri groups who speak with the logic of injustice and are not called by their names in the media while the other denominations are clearly mentioned when attacked which gives a wrong impression that the other denominations are attacked while the followers of the Household are protected by the power. He showed that this is the twenty first attack being carried out against Tuz Khormato by terrorism, holding the security apparatuses responsible for the protection of the Iraqis, mainly the followers of the Household. Here he conveyed a message to the followers of the Household in Egypt after the assassination of the betrayed martyr sheikh Hassan Shehata, his brother and some of his devotees during their celebration of the birth of their awaited Imam (may Allah hasten his blessed appearance) asking them to stick to their doctrine, their prophet (PBUH), his Household (AS), to be open to the other denominations and to explain their ideas to their brothers who adopt other Islamic denominations.

This came during the ceremony of the birth of Imam Mahdi (may Allah hasten his blessed appearance) in his Eminence's office in Baghdad Wednesday, June 26, 2013.

The Shaaban Uprising Is the Hardest Blow in the Modern History

His Eminence said during the ceremony of the birth of Imam Mahdi (may Allah hasten his blessed appearance) which coincides with the commemoration of Shaaban uprising by which the people expressed his rejection of the most despotic tyrants ever, considering it as the hardest blow in the modern history, covered up by the media. He added that the uprising frightened the regime and broke the barrier of fear and the prestige of the regime, calling to document the uprising and the heroic achievements made by the Iraqi people. He also said the governmental institutions must take care of the families of martyrs, victims and displaced especially the residents of the Rafhaa camp.

The Blood of Sheikh Shehata Must Be a Meeting Point between Muslims

Sayyid Ammar al-Hakim pointed out to the assassination of the sheikh Hassan Shehata, who was dragged in the streets by thousands of the frenetic takfiri groups. "Egypt was long known for its promotion of dialogue, coexistence and tolerance", he said. He also praised the role of the national Egyptian media, Al Azhar, and the state circles who condemned the accident, stressing the need to study this phenomenon and do more than just condemning. Moreover, he showed his support for the Azhar and the moderate voices who are trying to spread the culture of dialogue, tolerance and opposition of extremism, calling to consider the blood of the martyr Hassan

Shehata a meeting point between all Muslims. "It is the duty of the Egyptian government to protect its sons."

The Meeting of the Iraqi Tribe Leaders Is a Strong Message that must be Invested His Eminence called on the political forces, the government and the Parliament to invest the positive step represented by the symbolic meeting of the leaders and sheikhs of the Iraqi tribes and clans who signed a national code of honor which put an end to the current crisis with more national unity, considering the meeting as strong message and that the leader of the tribes did what they had to do.

Abdel Aziz Al Hakim, the first one to have held the banner of removing Iraq from Chapter VII The Head of the Islamic Supreme Council of Iraq, Sayyed Ammar Al Hakim, affirmed that the removal of Iraq from chapter VII, which is a decision expected to be ratified in the coming Security Council meeting, is a positive and significant step to take Iraq out of the international tutelage and complete the sovereignty of the country. His Eminence pointed out that whoever thinks that international tutelage has come after 2003 is wrong, for the international tutelage and chapter VII came after the 1991 uprisings against the former Iraqi regime. Sayyed Al Hakim reminded that Abdel Aziz Al Hakim (May Allah Sanctify his Soul) was the first one to have held the banner of chapter VII and who frequently talked about it until he turned it into a public opinion issue and took it with him on his famous trip all the way to the United States where he demanded that Iraq be removed from Chapter VII. His Eminence also praised the efforts of the President of Iraq, the Prime Minister, the Kurdistan Region President, the Parliament Speaker and the Minister of Foreign Affairs in this regard, while stressing the necessity to have the Iraqis assume their responsibilities, which were previously taken by the international community, including the protection of Iraqi funds.

The Mahdi's project is one essential and vital element in the celestial project towards humans Sayyed Ammar Al Hakim assured that there are great lessons to be learned from the presence, absence and anticipation of Imam Mahdi (may Allah hasten his return), indicating that The Mahdi (The Guided One) is a truth that all adepts of divine and non-divine religions believe in, which affirms that it's not an illusion or a legend but rather a social issue among humans. His Eminence highlighted that The Mahdi's project is one essential and vital element in the celestial project towards humans; it is a coronation of all the efforts of prophets, guardians and reformers. Sayyed Al Hakim explained that the absence of Imam Mahdi is subject to the theory of causality and the development of humanity is a must as Imam has presented the project then absented himself, indicating that the anticipation of Imam Mahdi could be performed in two ways: the first, is the anticipation of an expectant who doesn't have any role, the second is the anticipation of one who is alerted and full of hope. His Eminence clarified that The Imam himself is the first one to expect and await the divine imperative because of his broad knowledge, which generates in him a feeling different from our feeling, and because of his age and his infallibility that makes him hurt for the pain of anyone aggrieved. The Imam, Sayyed Al Hakim explained, triumphs through natural reasons and divine guidance, and his triumph is a result of the support from the Angels and believers as well as the terror he causes to his

enemies when he appears, as told in stories.