

## **During his Meeting with the Organizations of the Martyr of the Niche Movement in Basra, Sayyid Ammar al-Hakim Launches “Education Is our Starting Point”, “Basra Residential” and “Civil Card” Projects**



As part of his tour to Basra province where he met with its citizens, Sayyid Ammar al-Hakim, head of the Islamic Supreme Council of Iraq, launched three projects: first, the “Education is our Starting Point” project which involves the establishment of 500 schools and 250 kindergartens and an up-to-date teaching training institute adopting the latest teaching means. Second, “Basra Residential 2020” project which consists of building 50,000 residential units and the “Civil Card” for Basra citizens.

This came during a meeting between his Eminence and the organizations of the Martyr of the Niche movement that took place on Friday, 27/9/2013.

His Eminence maintained that the Martyr of the Niche movement has a full project in mind, especially for Basra, and is working on a strategic project, “Basra in 2024: Where to?”, saying the movement seeks to offer more services once it is in the federal government and to grant more powers to provinces. He added that the next electoral merit is crucial, and preparations must be made by communicating more with people and building the internal structure. He made clear that building the country requires the building of provinces and building Iraq starts from Basra, explaining that this vision is the driving force behind launching “Basra, Economic Capital of Iraq” project which is adopted by the Muwatin Alliance jointly with the other movements in order to be passed. Here, he evoked the projects launched by his Eminence during his meeting with Basra skills, such as the establishment of the training industrial complex and the Basra National Bank and the study and organization of Basra dam.

Moreover, Sayyid Ammar al-Hakim renewed the covenant by reiterating “We do not deserve to represent a people we do not serve” slogan, considering the current stage as stage of action where the Martyr of the Niche men are standing up to the management of Basra, a stage that is far off from theories. To him, challenges must be evoked locally and internationally and in Basra, and promises must be fulfilled. He said there are many types of people: the opponents who release aggressive positions, the competitors who take advantage of the gaps and try to reveal them, and the opportunists who live in the dark corridors, and the friends and allies. In his opinion, each type must be dealt with separately: one should deal cautiously with enemies, contain competitors, and be partners to allies. His Eminence confirmed that the Martyr of the Niche movement will attack nobody, rather it will take a defensive position and counter any attack, stressing its support of Basra governor and his skillful team. Furthermore, he asked Basra organizations to support the local government and explain their national platform and urged the governor to stay closely in touch with his organizations and citizens, stressing the importance of building the organization with determination since it is the best means to kick off and renewing his support of youth who are the heart of life and the demographic weight since all problems such as unemployment and housing are related to youth.