

Warning against Postponement of Elections, Appealing for an Administrative Revolution and Calling for Facing Terrorism Are the Main Remarkable Points of Sayyid Ammar al-Hakim's Sermon for Eid al-Adha



Sayyid Ammar al-Hakim, head of the Islamic Supreme Council of Iraq, stressed the necessity to keep the election law away from desires and narrow interests, since, in his opinion, what is needed is a law that brings justice for Iraq and its people, and not for some political party or some component, thus calling in case no new law is agreed upon, for enforcing the old election law while amending the section contested by the federal government. He also considered elections as the basis of legitimacy and the ground on which the executive power bases its acts, underlining the need to hold elections on time and not to postpone them under any excuse, for elections are the recourse when facing pivotal difficulties and challenges, as his Eminence said. Moreover, he remarked that elections are the only way for the parliament to authorize the formation of the government, describing the blockage of elections as blockage of legitimacy and authorization. Here he recalled the day Iraqis voted in the elections when ballots were surrounded by blood and the country was under occupation, saying the current conditions are much better than any time before. He added that Iraq needs a global administrative revolution similar to the global political one of 2003 with radical change of thought, performance and laws. This came during the sermon of Eid al-Adha prayer in Baghdad led by his Eminence on Wednesday, 16/10/2013.

The Martyr of the Niche Project Takes the Administrative Revolution of this Country as the Starting Point in the Way of Development

His Eminence showed that the fair modern state project of the Martyr of the Niche movement is based on the strategic vision and planning and the effective modern administration, making clear that the modern administration is one of the key means to achieve justice in the fair modern state, since no justice is realizable amid routine, bureaucracy, corruption, old invalid laws, totalitarianism and old dying institutions. To him, vision and planning are the fundamentals of the building process, for building will not be achieved by hoping, and peoples will not advance by slogans being launched. He warned against bureaucracy and routine which actually hinder development and progress, explaining that the totalitarian, bureaucratic administrative thought is still controlling the main institutions and sectors of the state. Furthermore, he reiterated that the Martyr of the Niche project takes the administrative revolution of this country as the starting point in the way of development, confirming the cooperation with the associates in country and in power with the trust and delegation given by our country fellows to proclaim the administrative revolution whenever it is possible and showing his support for any entity that believes in and adopts such course.

Iraq Needs to Unite its Internal Front against Terrorism

The head of the Islamic Supreme Council of Iraq said the blind terrorists are hitting the country and are desperately trying to mix the pure Iraqi blood with their distorted, takfiri dark ideas, though they are aware that their battle against Iraqis is a battle over existence and it is the Iraqis who will win, stressing the need to unite the internal front against terrorism to prevent it from dividing between regions, sects or ethnicities, for all are one single block against terrorism and everybody sees terrorism as one dark terrorism without difference in description or analysis. His eminence explained the need to develop the security means, calling on the security institutions for an initiative that is well ahead of terrorism in terms of ideas and means, since the true battle against terrorism is that of means, tools and way of thinking.

Building Bridges of Trust between Iraqi Political Powers

In a message addressed to the social and political powers in Iraq, his Eminence urged them to seek seriously to build bridges of mutual trust between them in order to give way to other processes of building, considering the trust as a way for the leaders to come together, adopt mutual action measures and respect covenants. He also warned from some parties that are sowing discord between brothers, and refrain from building bridges of trust so as not to lose their influence and risk their own opportunist interests. He pointed out to some leaders who are taking positions based on words of mouth, and thus, are exposing themselves to injustice and in turn, aggrieving their fellows and other associates, reiterating that the difference must be under constitution and within the country's limits.

He noted that the symbolic meeting of leaders was mainly held to build bridges of trust since we are aware that without such bridges, no progress will be achieved and skepticism and mistrust will always prevail, calling everybody to assume their responsibilities and to verify the information circulated, because statesmen must with their own means closely examine and check the veracity of the information circulated, in order to prevent those with narrow personal interests from manipulating the feelings and words, considering this as responsibility to a people, a country and a state and also legitimate responsibility to Allah and the history.

A People We Do not Serve Is a People that We Do not Deserve to Represent

Sayyid Ammar al-Hakim said it is the destiny of the Martyr of the Niche members to be in the vanguard, showing that today is the turn of the members of this movement since they have contributed to the deposition of the dictator and to the constitution, tried hard to help relieve the pains of this country, apologized when they committed mistakes, corrected such mistakes, developed their tools, lent their ears to the people and blessed the progress of others. He thus called on them to carry on this course, communicate with the people, trust in Allah and raise the next stage's slogan, "a people we do not serve is a people we do not

deserve to represent", adding that serving this people is a great honor since countries are about citizens, not borders, and men are what matter, not stones, urging them to place Iraq on top of their priorities and its people in their hearts, while stressing the importance of thanking Allah through more action, communication and unity with the people over the most sublime project and being modestly, not pompously, self-confident,

What the Countries of the Region Need Is to Stop Meddling in Each Other's Affairs

According to his Eminence, the "spring" and "autumn" thing does not apply anymore to the events taking place in the region, and the region is going through radical changes, announcing the start of a new composition process which is not over yet and no one knows exactly how or where things will end up, or how the resulting new Middle East will look like. He said hatred blew up in everyone's face and in all directions after the fall of regimes; the ethnical, sectarian and regional discrimination is now the main dynamic behind the events; and the terrorist movements broke into the people's movement, thus justice and injustice became one thing and were being wasted amidst violations, warning against the consequences which will spare no one, including the instigators and players on fanaticism. To him, what the countries of the region need is to stop meddling in each other's affairs and work under a united framework, and it is necessary to take our states and peoples to a new, serious stage of coexistence and common interests. Here he reiterated his call for a regional strategic partnership on the political, security, economic and cultural levels so that interests and efforts get interlaced, underlining the need for a long period of stability to take breath, pursue the development process and learn to exercise democracy.

Iraq is the Greater Bridge of Communication between the Key Regional Powers

His Eminence considered Iraq as the greater bridge of communication between the key regional powers, calling on the Iraqi leaders to invest in the great resources of our country and in the wonderful diversity our people represents in order to form a bridge of communication with all the peoples of the region and those contributing to the shaping of the new Middle East, and also to gain the trust of and reassure everyone. He said thanks to its diversity, location, resources and history, Iraq cannot be neglected in the upcoming equations, explaining that it is the responsibility of Iraqis to draw up their regional concepts, explain their project to others, move with studied steps and stay away from improvisation while acting more competently in the foreign policy and injecting new blood in it. In his opinion, it is important to talk everyone into believing in Iraq as the main bridge of communication and that no one is seeking to destabilize it, but at the same time, it will not tolerate with those who will prove to be interfering in its affairs and destabilizing it.

Moreover, he said he is sure that Iraq will have a big role in shaping our new region, and the losers are those who are wagering on fighting, since Iraq and the regions of the country are composed of this ethnic, religious and sectarian mixture, and that any attempt of

disintegration will be an attempt to blow up the region and divide it into small, weak and conflicting states and cantons, adding that the peaceful coexistence between all the Middle East regions start from Iraq which is also the main bridge of communication with everybody.