

Sayyid Ammar al-Hakim Says: Leading the Country towards Reconstruction Needs a Team that Works in Harmony and with a Well-Determined Vision.



Sayyid Ammar al-Hakim, head of the Islamic Supreme Council of Iraq, confirmed that the big difficulties the Iraqi society is going through on the security, economic and other levels are due to the lack of a harmonious work team with a well-determined vision. During a meeting in his office in Baghdad, on Thursday 5/12/2013, with a big number of sheiks of the clans and prominent figures from Dhi Qar province, his Eminence said a harmonious work team who has a well determined vision can lead the country towards reconstruction, for the Iraqi society suffers from depression, competition and problems between the movements and components, which worsened the problems and prevented finding effective solutions. He considered that such solution is also an answer to the problems the society suffers on the industrial and agricultural levels, and even the security problems, showing that the currently proposed security solutions would not uproot terrorism or put an end soon to it because they are based on military recourses, excluding the role of culture and economy and maintenance of appeasement in the society. His Eminence considered that the problems of the economic industry are resolved by supporting the industrial projects, and industrial and agricultural products even if this requires their purchase at a higher price than those imported, since this would help achieve a self-sufficiency of the products and manufactured goods, find solutions to unemployment and prevent the outflow of funds to foreign countries. Sayyid al-Hakim added that the government must put in place hindrances, foster manufactured goods, and close the door in face of very cheap products which compete the local products and cause their disappearance as well as the interruption of national industries or agriculture, thus leading to a big deficit in budget and balance of payments, making clear that the development of the country cannot be achieved by surges but quietly and smoothly.

Concerning elections, his Eminence considered that complaining is the language of helpless people, calling for electing a harmonious team with a well-determined vision that can lead the country to where evolution, development and progress are, and insisted that the sheikhs of clans and prominent figures educate the people in order to elect the right persons who are qualified for the service of the country regardless the party, movement and ethnicity to which they belong.

The head of the Islamic Supreme Council of Iraq warned that the next months following the elections will either take us to a civil war or push us towards reconstruction, considering this stage as historical after ten years of the fall of the regime, calling the depressed who decided not to participate in the elections to go for it and vote for those who deserve it because some parties wish the non-participation in elections and the keep the status-quo, stating that we need to encourage people to go out and vote for the party which is qualified to assume the responsibility of building to set the current situation right.

Regarding the clans, his Eminence hoped that the clans act under a legal parliamentary cover,

not under the auspices or support of any government or party, because clans persist unlike governments. He also stressed that the voting by the clans must not be for the sake of this or that rather for the merit whether such clan favors a specific governor. Furthermore, he maintained that what we need is an institution that is connected to the society and in its service, not to a specific party, not to mention that reinforcing and supporting of clans and providing the right environment for their action would give more spaces not provided by any government. He indicated that we are missing a lot of opportunities by not taking advantage of this big, useful and supporting the resources to serve the country in this moment and later on. His Eminence said he is optimistic about the future, and the change will definitely take place because the nation and the people are able to determine their choices and detect the problems from which the society suffers.