

Sayyid Ammar Al Hakim Insists on Unity and Describes the Martyrdom Anniversary of Imam Al Sadr as an Appropriate Opportunity to Review Mistakes and Correct Approaches



The head of the Islamic Supreme Council of Iraq, Sayyid Ammar Al Hakim, considered the martyrdom anniversary of Imam Mohammed Baqir Al Sadr (May Allah sanctify his soul) as an appropriate opportunity to review, develop and correct the approaches, stressing the importance of unity, cooperation and solidarity in the public national framework to be one nation facing the storms. His eminence warned against the comeback of the aberrant Baasist thought, insisting that there is no going back or returning to the past. He considered the coming elections are decisive and reminded of the authority's call to voters for a large and conscious participation so as to vote for the most competent candidates in the most competent list. Sayyid Al Hakim highlighted the significance of having competent persons in a homogeneous and competent team able to achieve the people's aspirations. He called on Iraqi diaspora living abroad to largely and consciously participate in the elections, describing such participation as a message to the world that Iraqis are attached to their country and want to make sure that competent and honest people get to positions of power. This is a message of commitment to the political process and the new Iraq, he added, reiterating the importance of developing a commitment to build a democratic and prosperous Iraq that ensures honor and welfare to its citizens.

This came during the commemorative event held at his eminence's Baghdad office on Wednesday, April 9, 2014, on the occasion of the martyrdom anniversary of Imam Mohammed Baqir Al Sadr (May Allah sanctify his soul) and the dignity day representing the fall of the ancient regime.

Imam Al Sadr Was Born on the Day of his Martyrdom through the Birth of his Project

His eminence stated that the fact that the ancient regime fell on the same day Imam Al Sadr became a martyr is an affirmation of Allah's unchangeable laws, indicating that this is not a mere coincidence but a true translation of the victory of blood over the sword and of people over tyrants. His eminence considered that the 9th of April is a day we should take lessons from for the present and the future without falling into the past, pointing out that tyrants have caused the absence of the Imam as a person but the later was in fact born on the day of his martyrdom through the birth of his project. Sayyid Al Hakim stressed that Iraq does not need a commendation testimony from anyone, as it is the course of its project and constitution books and Iraq has been through more than one electoral practice and never requested foreign powers to interfere. It was rather a demand made by the Iraqi people through the Martyr of the Niche (May Allah sanctify his soul) at internal forums as follows: Prohibit the ancient regime from using fatal weapons and Iraqis will change their regime without foreign intervention. His eminence expressed his regret for the abuses that Iraqis have been subject to while the same persons abusing the Iraqi people demand that foreigners interfere in some countries to make a change. He recalled the tragedy of the Feylis and their ordeal when their national and

sectarian identity was targeted, describing them as an afflicted group. His eminence maintained that the Martyr of the Niche movement fostered many conferences and programs that demanded justice for them, some of which were completed while others are still ongoing. He addressed terrorists by saying: "The people is stronger than you. The day will come when we will celebrate your end within security plans, a clear vision and a clear project, and this day is close". His eminence explained that the weakness of tools strengthens terrorism and that the Martyr of the Niche movement will change the balances with terrorism, God willing, in terms of its development of the tools and will reverse the equation as it possesses the clear vision that enables it to eradicate terrorism.

Imam Al Sadr was Modest, Devout and Generous

The head of the Islamic Supreme Council of Iraq stated that the martyr Imam Al Sadr (May Allah sanctify his soul) deeply influenced others and was characterized with intellectual innovation and organized thinking. He added that the Imam had strong emotions that made him close to the hearts of people, students and everyone who knows him, underlining that he was devout but generous with his parents and lovers. He also assured that he applied the theory of Imam Hussein to the Iraqi situation when he saw that advancement required his blood, underlining that he used to insist on Hussein's rituals and stand up for those rituals and for Islam, he refused all temptations of authority that were presented to him. His eminence maintained that the Imam had a project and an approach that he filled with knowledge and evidence. He reminded that the Imam had a position towards the Baas party and was a defender and support of the Islamic Revolution Iran. Sayyid Al Hakim mentioned the discussions held between him and the Martyr of the Niche (May Allah sanctify his soul) that led to him leaving the party, as well as the request made by Imam Mohsen Al Hakim (May Allah sanctify his soul), the sect leader, to him to leave the party, as Imam Al Sadr conducted his scientific activity in the context of Imam Al Hakim's authority. Sayyid Ammar Al hakim stated that Imam Al Sadr was subject to a lot of criticism but was brave in taking positions, indicating that he was bright in school but went from Kadhimiya to Najaf to study religious sciences at 12 years old. His eminence finally reminded that Imam Al Sadr lived orphan and poor, and was born on the same day of birth of the prophets Ibrahim and Issa (May the peace of Allah be upon them) and on the same day of appearance of Al Qaem (may Allah hasten his reappearance).