Sayyid Ammar al-Hakim: We Need to Move Quickly towards Forming a True National Government with a Clear Project, an Agreed Plan of Action and a Strong, Homogenous Team

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Sayyid Ammar al-Hakim, head of the Islamic Supreme Council of Iraq, stressed the need to move quickly towards forming a true national government with a clear project, an agreed plan of action and a strong, homogenous team, stating that the Iraqis have said their last word and that the political and social powers need to say their last word today and fulfill the promises they have made to their people, since according to him, Iraq deserves victory and the Iraqi people deserves welfare and prosperity, and the future is full of abundant opportunities for the country of the prophets, imams and companions.

This came during a speech delivered by Sayyid Ammar al-Hakim during the central eulogy held for the Iraq's Martyr's Day, the day of martyrdom of the Martyr of the Niche, Grand Ayatollah Sayyid Mohammad Baqir al-Hakim, at the office of his Eminence in Baghdad on May 3, 2014, and attended by the Speaker of Council of Representatives, Mr. Usama al-Nujayfi, Dr. Barham Saleh as representative of the president of the Republic, Dr. Rowsch Nuri Shaways as representative of Mr. Masoud Barzano, Dr. Saleh al-Mutlaq and Mr. Adnan Danbous as representatives of Dr. Ayad Allawi, his Beatitude Patriarch Mar Louis Sako, Sheikh Sattar Jabbar al-Helou, chief of the Sabean Mandaeans, and a number of state officials and prominent figures as well as a large crowd of citizens.

Victory of the Bases of the Martyr of the Niche Movement and the Citizen's Coalition His Eminence maintained that the victory achieved by the bases of the Martyr of the Niche movement and the Citizen's Coalition's candidates indicated that the Iraqi people knows very well who works to build its country, answer its needs and secure the future of its citizens, explaining that the big trust granted by our people to us entails a double responsibility on us to the country, the citizens and the next generations, and such victory is the culmination of years of authentic, diligent efforts and the fruit of a corrective process of large scale but stuck to the course. According to him, this corrective process is a continuous one because the development is the law of life. He also renewed the strong belief in the "We Look Back, But We Don't Step Back" logic, reiterating the content of the electoral campaign and the platform of the Citizen's Coalition for our hands are extended to everyone as always and the project is the basis of work, the strong, the homogenous team is the road to success and the institutions are the basis of our political course. Moreover, his Eminence made clear that the time of planning, institutional action and harmony between the national powers that were given the people's trust to run the country, ensure security, provide services, implement the platforms we promised our citizens to carry out, strengthen the national, regional and international links and upgrade the Iraqi situation to build the fair, modern capable state, has come.

A Greeting to the Religious Marjas, the People and the Souls of the Martyrs His Eminence greeted the religious marjas for their directions and advices for participating in large numbers in elections and making a good choice. He also greeted our people for its sacrifices, its resistance and its proved awareness showed in the wide, conscious participation in the elections, thus setting wonderful examples of perseverance and patriotism and protection of the interests of the country and the citizens, while praying for the souls of the martyrs who died during the performance of this noble, national duty against the brutal terrorism. The Martyr of the Niche (May Allah Sanctify his Soul) Was Extremely Human, But Also Strict and Hard

Speaking of the martyr of the niche (May Allah Sanctify his Soul), Sayyid Ammar al-Hakim said what makes our eternal martyr distinguished was that he combined opposite characteristics in his work, relations and course of life, for he combined between jihad and knowledge, thus earning the title of a Mujahid while also being an active scholar and he held a weapon in one hand and a pen in the other. His Eminence added that while the martyr of the niche led his fellow mujahideen in a fierce war against the strongest dictatorships of the last century, he also guided his disciples through the path of knowledge in the different types of doctrinal, interpretational, historical, fiqh and social sciences, explaining that the martyr of the niche was great in everything even in his overflowing emotions, by being extremely human and affectionate but also strict and hard. According to his Eminence, this is another double characteristic in the personality of our eternal martyr who would treat his people, family, sons and companions with mercy and affection, while using strictness and hardness against the enemies of the people, the tyrants and the oppressors.

The Martyr of the Niche (May Allah Sanctify his Soul) Extremely and Strongly Loved his People, and his People Reciprocally Loved Him

His Eminence pointed that the martyr of the niche realized that the cause of the Iraqi people is not the that of governor and governance, rather the cause of a country, a people and an identity, as well as the fact that Iraq has suffered since its first birth as a state of duplicity in determining the identity and making discrimination in the choice of the governor, considering this state as a top priority and included its remedy in the basics of his course which was complementary to that of his father, the leader of the nation, Sayyid Mohsin al-Hakim (May Allah sanctify his souk), explaining that the homeland is not about geographic boundaries, rather it is about patriotism, justice, equal opportunities between its citizens and about embracing its segments no matter what their faiths, ethnics or denominations are. He added that the martyr of the niche had the characteristics of the leader and the qualities of the true leadership which is characterized by the vision, the project and the goals which are associated with the personality of the leader and the identity of the state, and that he extremely and strongly loved his people and his people reciprocally loved him adding to such love the respect due for the active scholars.

For their part, the officials, the heads of the political movements and the representatives of

the faiths in the country recalled in their speech delivered on this occasion the jihadi feats of the eternal martyr of the niche, stating that his jihadi and scholar life represents an essential lesson for all Iraqis and the life and struggle of the martyr of the niche is full of the most fragrant attitudes of self-giving for a strong, steadfast country and secure, generous and proud people living in dignity and welfare; he always sought to deal with the people's interests and those of its segments as a top priority and Iraqis badly need the thought and the course of those courage people who sacrificed their cheap souls for Iraq and his proud people, expressing their appreciation for the national positions of Sayyid Ammar al-Hakim and his loyal efforts in the service of the Iraqi citizens.