

## **On the First Ramadan Evening Gathering, Sayyid Ammar Al Hakim: The Most Important Element of Strength in a Community is Its Cohesion, Solidarity and Unity**



Sayyid Ammar Al Hakim, head of the Islamic Supreme Council of Iraq, assured that the most important element of strength in any community is the cohesion, solidarity and unity of this community, explaining that true cohesion is established when the rights of citizens are preserved and that the key to social solidarity and national unity is the clear and reciprocal rights of the members of this community.

This came in his eminence's speech delivered on the first Ramadan evening gathering held in his office in Baghdad on Sunday, June 29, 2014.

His eminence stressed that the right of each individual, group, sect, nationality, party or tribe means the commitment of others towards this group. The right of one side means the commitment of the other side. Sayyid Al Hakim indicated that the system of rights in the Islamic vision comes along with the system of obligations and reciprocal commitments among community members, adding that rights are a set of rules and procedures that regulate the relationship among members of a community or among communities. His eminence also clarified that the system of rights in Islam in fact regulates the relationship between community members based on four elements: human dignity, correct dogma, noble values and righteous behavior. His eminence finally mentioned the rights of the hand, underlining that spreading one's hand for bay'ah, for healing and blessing and for supplication represents some of the positive aspects of the real meaning of the hand for humans.