

Sayyid Ammar Al Hakim Urges the Shabak, Turkmen and Christians to Hold on to the Land and to Defend Themselves and Their Honor, and Calls the Government to Protect Their Security and Support Their Relief

Sayyid Ammar Al Hakim, the head of the Islamic Supreme Council of Iraq, called on the Turkmen and Shabak from the followers of Ahl Al Bayt and the Christians as well to hold on to and preserve their land, to defend themselves, their honor, their dignity and their regions and not to give them to terrorists and surrender. He urged the citizens of Mosul to stand up for their Turkmen, Shabak, Christian and other land partners, calling the Iraqi government again to provide care and support to these displaced, to maintain this important diversity in all the provinces, not to abandon them, to protect their security and support their relief. His eminence considered this as a major mission that the government should perform.

This came at the 21st Ramadan evening gathering held at his eminence's office in Baghdad, on Saturday, July 19, 2014.

His eminence also praised the honorable Sunni personalities who issued statements and condemned the extremist positions towards the Turkmen, Shabak and Christians and how the terrorist groups asked them to leave Mosul. He expressed his hope that similar voices would be more diffused and asked the leaders of tribes and elites from the western regions to take a real national stance, as they are fit to demonstrate to the entire world that Iraq is a country of coexistence, forgiveness and harmony and that Iraqis cannot accept such desperate attempts to divide them. Sayyid Al Hakim reminded the honorable people of Mosul that the presence of Turkmen and Shabak from the followers of Ahl Al Bayt (AS) and of Christians in the province is an element of wealth and a qualitative addition to the demographic structure in Mosul, urging them to maintain this important diversity which has made Mosul a historical city representing a miniature Iraq.

Furthermore, his eminence commended the high religious authority, its institutions and the holy shrines for giving so much to the displaced and he called to provide this support, not only to the displaced who leave their regions and move to other provinces but to those who remain in their regions and their provinces although they changed cities, in order to help them hold on to the land.