

Expressing his Optimism About Possibly Reaching a Global Agreement, Sayyid Ammar Al Hakim: We Will Work Assiduously through Intensive Deliberations to Sign the Ministerial Statement that Will Reassure All Iraqis



Sayyid Ammar Al Hakim, head of the Islamic Supreme Council of Iraq, highlighted the desire of all political parties to accelerate the formation of the government, and expressed his optimism about possibly reaching a global agreement with the union of Iraqi national forces, the National Iraqi Alliance and the Kurdistan Alliance in their deliberations with the national alliance, so as to be able to confront all the challenges faced by the country, especially the security challenges. This came during the press conference held at his eminence's office in Baghdad, on Sunday, August 31, 2014, with the delegation of the Kurdistan Alliance headed by Hoshyar Zebari.

His eminence hoped to reach definite outcomes through the intensive deliberations to sign the ministerial statement before the end of this week, indicating that the statement will determine the distribution of roles and participation of all parties in running the country. Sayyid Al Hakim considered that the distribution of the ministerial portfolios will be an easy task and will be achieved very shortly after the signature of the ministerial statement, which will be reassuring to all parties and political forces. His eminence pointed out that the meeting he held with the delegation of the Kurdistan Alliance was positive and hoped that the international and regional support would be optimally invested. Furthermore, his eminence thanked the delegation for the flexibility it manifested in its negotiations with the commission formed by the national alliance in its deliberations to form the government. For his part, Dr. Hoshyar Zebari assured that the discussions have reached advanced stages regarding the ministerial program of the new government, underlining that there is seriousness in overcoming the difficulties hindering the negotiations despite the time pressure. He also added that discussions are still ongoing and will eventually result in presenting the ministerial line-up and program to the national assembly for voting and vote of confidence. In another context, Zebari considered that Daesh and security threats have contributed in uniting Iraqis and expanding the Arab, international and regional campaign to support Iraq.