

Sayyid Ammar Al Hakim Calls for Resolving the problems between the Center and The Kurdistan Region by Passing Legislations and Laws Agreed Upon by Both Sides and according to the Constitution

Sayyid Ammar Al Hakim, head of the Islamic Supreme Council of Iraq, said the relation between the Kurdistan region and the center under the federal system is new and complicated and needs time and political maturity from both sides so that it can developed into an integral relation that serves the best interest of both Iraq and of the region. According to him, the problems marring this relation are due to the nature of the relation between the system of the Kurdistan region and that of the center, for the region acts sometimes as a state and in some others the center deals with the latter as incompetent region and in both cases such behavior results in some tension and misunderstanding. His Eminence maintained that all the experiences of federal governments have witnessed misunderstanding between their components until they were able to accept the reality and could resolve their problems through explicit and clear laws, explaining that the lack of clear and transparent laws and procedures generates problems, which causes the officials to act according to their own

jurisprudences and moods and this is when the disagreements turn into disputes and then into feuds. Here, he described the Kurdistan region as rich experience within the same country and said that we must all learn from this experience with all its positive and negative aspects, and in order for the stability to be maintained in Iraq and its political and economic development be achieved there relation with the Kurdistan region must be set right and the outstanding problems must be resolved by passing clear legislations and laws agreed upon by both sides according to the constitution which represents the will of all Iraqis. He also called on to silence the irresponsible voices which are seeking to destroy this relation in favor of some temporary and limited victories, noting that the relation between the Kurdistan region and the center is a relation of existence based on historical foundations rooted in this authentic nation. On the other hand, he pointed out to the painful and sad situation of the displaced Iraqis saying that it's our human and national duty to turn the page of the black terrorism and expulse it from all the regions of our country, so that our citizens can return their homes, villages and cities, calling for more human and national sense and less bureaucracy in dealing with the issues of the displaced. The laws and procedures are important, he added, but they are not more important than helping a citizen who lost his house and possessions and became homeless. Here he called for avoiding the complicated paperwork, presenting feasible and practical solutions and helping them without asking anything in return and without negligence. Sayyid Ammar Al Hakim believes that Iraqis are facing a real test to know how much they are united, calling on the ministries, the ministers, the local governments and the governors to eliminate the obstacles, surpass the routine procedures and help the displaced and provide shelters to them.

This came during the weekly cultural forum held at his Eminence's office in Baghdad on Wednesday, September 24, 2014.

Restructuring the People's Mobilization Institution within the National Guard Apparatus and

Entrusting its Jihadi Members with its Administration

His Eminence said the time has come to start the correct institutional work in this domain and to shy away from the personal and moody jurisprudences concerning the people's mobilization and the support of the heroic mujahideen, commending those who have answered the call of the religious authority for they were the stronghold that prevented Iraq from collapsing and from falling into sheer chaos. In fact, they have fought from the beginning with their own weapons and achieved important victories, particularly when they absorbed the shock, stopped the spread of the terrorist epidemic, and then moved the next step, which is fighting and eradicating it. Here he emphasized their ability, with the help of the armed forces and our intrepid army, to win over terrorism and kick it out from the Iraqi land for good, calling for restructuring the people's mobilization institution within the national guard apparatus and finding quick, radical solutions for the obstacles that impede their integration. Moreover, he considered the armament and the financial allocations as the major problems that stand in the way of the people's mobilization, warning from allowing corruption and nepotism to step in as they did in many stages of the Iraqi state, stressing on keeping the flame of the popular Jihadi work lit by entrusting its Jihadi members with its administration and in all its administrative and military departments and levels, describing the psychological and moral harmony as important factor of the success of any action. He warned from dealing with the people's mobilization members as employees because those are mujahideen not employees or job applicants, though some of them are seeking a job but they are only few and don't constitute a major part of them, considering them as heroes whose renewed project is to defend the country and the doctrine and this is why they must be supported and organized and their improvised and personal action must be transformed into an organized institutional action.

His Eminence Calls for Completing the Government Takeoff Through the Appointment of Security Ministers

His eminence assured that the indecision regarding security ministries means that the

formation of the government is still ongoing, stating that he appreciates the difficulties, challenges and interventions hampering the way of Dr. Abadi and his team in their efforts to complete the selection. He insisted on completing the mission as it is the right takeoff for the governmental work, adding "As long as security ministers, in this delicate security situation, have not yet been chosen, this indicates that the takeoff is not completed, thus, we call for not delaying the governmental start more than it should because the delay will cause frustration. And we are in dire need for enthusiasm and hope". His eminence called to respect these delays for solving the problems and to commit to them. He also blessed the election of a new chair of the provincial council of Basra, underlining that tremendous efforts were made to settle this issue in a way that preserves Basra and its council and puts the province on the right track. His eminence expressed his regret for Basra's loss of a precious year amidst the political disputes between the parties, especially with the presence of individuals with narrow personal interests who tried to play on the contradictions among the different political parties. He insisted that Basra deserves a powerful provincial council, reconciled with itself and capable of supporting and evaluating the work of the province's executive apparatus and the governor without sensitivities, politicization, moodiness and political or personal blackmail, so that it can start its real journey towards development and end the situation of deprivation and injustice prevailing in this patient city. Furthermore, Sayyid Ammar Al Hakim praised how Basra presented political lessons this year, most importantly that the public interest should be above all and that when the citizens of Basra define and know the people with narrow personal projects, they will reach agreements that serves them and serve their province to be on the right track. His eminence maintained that the Martyr of the Niche movement will monitor the situation in Basra closely, and added: we will maintain our support in all areas until Basra can rise up, heal its wounds and start its journey towards success, development and prosperity. He also expressed his optimism that Al Bazouni would measure up the expectations of the council and the people of Basra and would be of help to Basra, its governor and executive apparatus in overcoming many problems that need to legislative power for them to be solved.

A Successful Administrator is the One Present in the Field

His eminence commended the field visits paid by Dr. Al Abadi and some ministers in difference positions to sectors related to their work, considering this a positive phenomenon that “we wish to be established, instilled and expanded, like we wish that our fellow officials don’t get drowned afterwards in the routine and report-based management”. He indicated that management succeeds whenever the official and the administrator are present at the field level, explaining that listening to the problem is one thing and feeling it and learning its details from the concerned people is another. His eminence finally called to maintain the field visits and get continuous update about the problems from the officials. Let the ministers know that their real duty is to solve the problems and manage their ministries successfully, not to drown in the lots of mail and to travel in external missions, he added. He also insisted on continuing the control and evaluation of governmental performance.