

## **Sayyid Ammar Al Hakim Discusses the General Situation in the Country with Al Abadi. The Latter Renews His Commitment to a Radical Solution between the Federal Government and Kurdistan Based on the Constitution, Partnership and Justice**



Sayyid Ammar Al Hakim, head of the Islamic Supreme Council of Iraq, received in his office in Baghdad on Friday, November 14, 2014, Prime Minister Dr. Haydar Al Abadi and a delegation from the Islamic Dawa Party. His eminence stated that his meeting with Dr. Al Abadi was fruitful and deep and that his visions are to a large extent aligned with those of Dr. Al Abadi, indicating that the meeting tackled the Iraqi concerns, the situation in the country, the security and political issues as well as Dr. Al Abadi's visits to some neighboring countries and politician's visits to countries in the region and the world. His eminence lauded the victories achieved by the security forces and the popular crowd and the cooperation with the Arab tribes in the western region in fighting ISIS and benefitting from their national efforts to fight terrorism. His eminence called to communicate and sustain meetings, confirming that Mr. Al Abadi has pledged to release the salaries of the popular crowd and has issued instructions to the attention of the executive authorities.

For his part, Dr. Al Abadi renewed his commitment to a radical solution to the pending problems between the federal government and Kurdistan based on the Constitution, partnership and justice, explaining that the agreement stipulates the release of some funds to Kurdistan in exchange for the delivery of oil by Kurdistan to the federal government. He indicated in this regard that the agreement is a preliminary one and paves the way for a comprehensive and strategic agreement, calling for cooperation among the political blocs in order to achieve the platform. The Prime Minister also insisted on fighting corruption and pointed out his eagerness to introduce radical changes to the military institution to make it more efficient on the ground. He stated that the battle against terrorism was a battle of existence and that "we pushed danger away from Baghdad, and we're working to free all Iraqi territories", mentioning that the government has accomplished a lot and still has difficult tasks and battles against corruption, routine and bureaucracy. Furthermore, he considered that the government's success is a success of the political blocs and thus of the citizens, highlighting the importance of reform and his approval of the demands of reform. He added however that reform needs basic elements, considering that the citizens' high expectations of the government is a double responsibility that needs more communication and meetings and assuring that discussions are ongoing with the minister of interior to make changes in its structure and methodology.