

During a Meeting with Ali Akbar Velayati, Sayyid Ammar al-Hakim: We Refuse the Regionalization of Iraq on Sectarian Basis Because This Would Weaken the National Unity and Downgrade the Country's Sovereignty



Sayyid Ammar Al Hakim, head of the Islamic Supreme Council of Iraq, reiterated that he refuses the federal division of Iraq on sectarian basis, warning that this would prejudice the unity of Iraq. He added that "Although federalism is present in the Iraqi law; yet this subject or any other one should not weaken the national unity and Iraq's sovereignty".

This came in a meeting held between His eminence, on Sunday, January 4th, 2015, in Tehran, and Dr. Ali Akbar Velayati, head of strategic research center in the Islamic Republic of Iran. His Eminence also noted that he discussed with the Iranian officials the problems facing the region, particularly terrorism and the need for cooperation between the two countries to fight terrorism and extremism, especially ISIS crimes in Iraq.

For his part, Velayati stressed that terrorist groups and ISIS gangs will suffer defeat and come to end thanks to Iraqis' sacrifices and courage and the Iraqi government efforts, besides the wise positions of the religious authority of Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, expressing his country's support for Iraq in fighting ISIS and in the country's development and reconstruction.