

## **During a Meeting with the US Ambassador to Iraq, Sayyid Ammar al-Hakim Calls for Bringing Back the Jewish Archive to Iraq for It Is Part of Iraq's Culture and Civilization**

Sayyid Ammar al-Hakim, head of the Islamic Supreme Council of Iraq, called for bringing back the Jewish archive to Iraq for it is part of Iraq's culture and civilization. This came during a meeting held between his Eminence on Tuesday, 27/1/2015 at his office in Baghdad and the US ambassador to Iraq, Mr. Stuart E. Jones. His Eminence stressed the need to deal with the post-ISIS stage in the liberated regions in terms of administration and reconstruction, to reinforce the national reconciliation between the Iraqi components and to increase the trust between all parties. He said the initiatives of the national reconciliation must play a practical role, and not only an exterior informational one. During the meeting, both sides discussed the security and operational situation and the landslide victories achieved by the security forces supported by the popular crowd, the Arab tribes and the Peshmerga against the terrorist ISIS gangs as well as the role of the international coalition in this regard. His Eminence also added that the consulting and

training assistance provided by the US forces in Ayn al Assad and al Taji bases and in the North must involve the residents of these regions in the national effort, particularly in Tal Afar and Nineveh, where thousands of the citizens are ready to stand by their brothers in the armed forces in the fight against the ISIS and to liberate their regions. According to him, the assistance must be in coordination and under the supervision of the Iraqi government.

For his part, Mr. Jones briefed Sayyid Ammar al-Hakim about the air strikes the international coalition has been conducting against the ISIS in Syria and Iraq, and which targeted and killed around 6200 individuals belonging to these gangs in addition to 24 leading commanders. He also explained to his Eminence the course of trainings offered by the US forces to large troops in some Iraqi air bases in the western and northern parts of the country.