

During His Meeting with Sayyid Ammar Al Hakim, Romanian Ambassador Reiterates the Absence of Any Relation between his Government and Terrorists and Denies Providing them With Weapons that Serve their Activities



Romanian Ambassador to Baghdad reiterated that the Romanian government is not dealing with any terrorist groups or organizations or providing with any equipment that serve their activities. This came when the head of the Islamic Supreme Council of Iraq was receiving in his office in Baghdad on Monday, February 2, 2015, the Romanian Ambassador to Iraq Jacob Prada and the accompanying delegation. Ambassador Prada, who is the dean of the diplomatic corps in Iraq, affirmed that the Romanian government only provides States with weapons and equipment, insisting that his government does not deal with any entities and organizations that harm the relations between the two countries and that it obtains a written pledge from these States assuring that these equipment cannot reach a third party without the knowledge of the Romanian government. The Ambassador underlined his government's disapproval of the information circulated by some media outlets about the cooperation between the Romanian government and the terrorists who are committing acts of violence and killing in Iraq and Syria. Mr. Prada also highlighted the deep historical relationship that links the two countries and peoples, assuring the invalidity of this information.

For his part, the head of the Islamic Supreme Council of Iraq supported the Romanian Ambassador's denegation of such information, and expressed his hope that these rumors do not create tensions and harm the historical relations between Iraq and Romania. His eminence stated that the world is concerned with combating terrorism and extremism everywhere and that if terrorism is not fought in Iraq, it will be difficult to eliminate it in other countries. He also expressed to the Romanian Ambassador his wish to see effective cooperation between the government of Romania and Iraq in terms of exchanging information and expertise and targeting these groups wherever they are.

Furthermore, Ambassador Prada provided Sayyid Ammar Al Hakim with a brief explanation about the Romanian companies operating in Iraq and the projects anticipated by the Romanian government in the fields of food industry, oil, water transport, agriculture, and the establishment of hospitals in the different provinces, especially in Basra and the holy cities of Karbala and Najaf.