## Expressing his Disappointment with the Statement of al Azhar about the Popular Crowd, Sayyid Ammar al-Hakim Says the Statement Was Based on Fabricated, Falsified Data

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Sayyid Ammar al-Hakim, head of the Islamic Supreme Council of Iraq, expressed his disappointment with the statement al Azhar has issued about the military operations to clear Saladin province from the ISIS gangs, saying that statement was not a position, and was based on fabricated, falsified unfounded data. According to him, al Azhar should have sent a delegation to examine the things on field or should have asked the Iraqi government or the parties concerned on field to make clear the situation so as not to be unfair with the popular crowd members who are sacrificing themselves for Iraq. His Eminence explained that in its statement, al Azhar relied on biased people and aggrieved groups who fed in the past, and are feeding now, on the division between the Iraqis, saying the ISIS plan of separating between the Islamic rites has turned today into a reason for unity between all Iraqis. This came during a visit made by Sayyid Ammar al-Hakim to the wounded of the military operations at the Martyr Mohammed Al Majed hospital in Samarra on Thursday, 12/3/2015.

His Eminence added that the supreme religious authority which has preserved Iraq and won for the will of the Iraqi people with the fatwa about al jihad al kifai hasn't only called the volunteers and the fighters for jihad and for fighting, but also offers constant advices of self-restraint and discipline and of the necessity of avoiding the civilians and involving the regions' citizens in the liberation of their lands. In his viewpoint, these basis recommendations are applied today and have produced positive results, hailing the members of the original tribes in Saladin who fight side by side with their brothers, the other fighters, while also appreciating the medical services provided by the medical staff in the field and desert hospitals without delay to the fighters. Finally, he said in the next few days, we will hear the happy news, if Allah wills, about the liberation of Saladin province and the preparation for the liberation Anbar and Nineveh.