

Sayyid Ammar al-Hakim Demanded the U.S. to Give Clear and Declared positions of Our Troops' Victories in the Operation Regions

Sayyid Ammar al-Hakim, head of the Islamic Supreme Council in Iraq, demanded the US to give clear and declared positions of the victories achieved by the Iraqi security forces, the popular crowd, and the Iraqi tribes that it supports, pointing out that those forces maintain citizens' properties and dignity in those regions and work on restituting the Iraqi territories profaned by terrorists and avoiding horrifying civilians.

This came during a meeting with His Eminence today, on Saturday, March 14, 2015 and the U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Bert Makourk accompanied by US Ambassador in Baghdad Stuart Jones.

After the US official asked why the Iraqis did not demand the US Forces' support during Salahuddin liberation operations, His Eminence responded that the Iraqi military leadership found that those operations must be purely done by Iraq and it only needed advisory and

intelligence effort because of the integral alert of those forces and their readiness to carry out extensive operations in order to reconstitute the profaned cities and towns, declaring that this should delight the US side.

His Eminence appealed the US official saying that citizens in the operation areas have expressed their happiness for the presence of these forces to liberate their areas violated by terrorist gangs and their careful commitment to the instructions of the supreme religious authority, pointing out that some of the violations occurring here or there are ordinary due to the ongoing military operations and their complexity and we must not take specific positions regarding them. Al-Hakim stressed the need for the separation between the political and security issues.

For his part, Makourk declared that the US government insisted on continuing to provide support to the Iraqi government, stressing the need to eliminate the terrorist outposts in the operation areas, determine their movement, prevent their move to other areas and not be content with smashing them in a particular geographical spot. He also expressed his appreciation to Sayyid Ammar al-Hakim for his presence in the field in the operation region, in addition to following-up military operations in other regions.