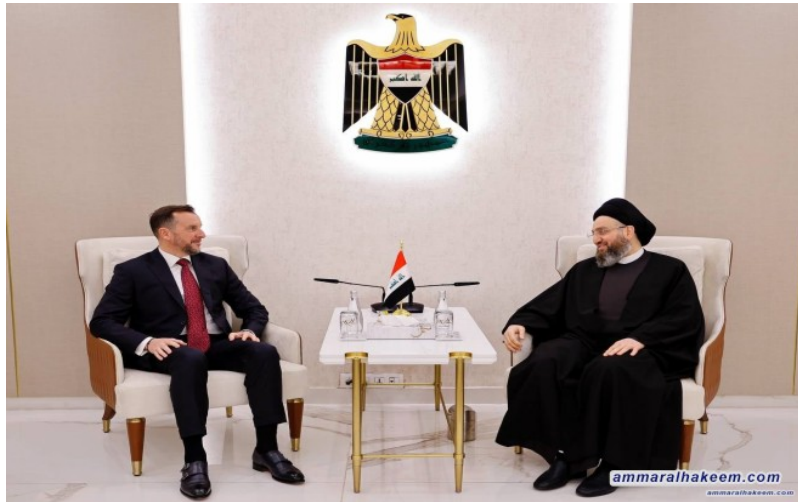


Sayyid Al-Hakeem Receives Italian Ambassador, Discusses Bilateral Relations, Iraq, Regional Stability



His Eminence Sayyid Al-Hakeem, Head of the National State Powers' Alliance, received the Ambassador of the Republic of Italy to Iraq, Nicolo Fontana, at His office in Baghdad on Thursday morning, January 15, 2026. The meeting reviewed bilateral relations between the two countries and discussed the latest political developments in Iraq and the region.

The talks also explored prospects for advancing Iraqi-Italian relations across the political, economic, and tourism sectors, in addition to exchanging expertise on issues of mutual interest in a manner that strengthens shared interests between the two friendly peoples.

H.E. pointed to the messages of recovery reflected in Iraq's current reality following the achievement of security, political, and social stability, alongside an electoral recovery marked by broad participation rates, public satisfaction with the results, and the Iraqi people's rallying around their political system—an indication of the maturity of the democratic experience and the country's path toward sustainable stability.

H.E. emphasized the importance of adhering to constitutional timelines to complete the remaining posts of the three presidencies, calling for the formation of a government capable of delivering services, creating job opportunities, fulfilling the aspirations of the people, and advancing the economic reforms Iraq needs at this sensitive stage.

H.E. further stressed the necessity of adopting dialogue as a fundamental approach to resolving outstanding issues in the region, sparing it further escalation, safeguarding the security of its peoples, and enhancing opportunities for stability and shared development.