Sayyid Al-Hakeem: Basra Represents Iraq's Economic, Political Stability Cornerstone



During the grand public carnival of the National State Powers Alliance in Basra, Iraq's smiling gateway, strategic stronghold, and economic capital, Sayyid Ammar Al-Hakeem, Head of the National State Powers Alliance, praised the province's rich history, great sacrifices, distinguished talent, and valuable diversity.

His Eminence recalled Basra's long and proud legacy of struggle, from the 1920 Revolution and the participation of Imam Sayyid Mohsen Al-Hakeem (may his soul rest in peace) in the Battle of Shaiba, to the role of the Representative of the Religious Authority and Shaheed Al-Mihrab (may their secrets be sanctified), who chose Basra as the gateway to Iraq, and finally to Aziz Al-Iraq (may his soul rest in peace).

H.E. stressed that the reconstruction of Iraq begins with the reconstruction of Basra, saying: "For this reason, we adopted the demands of its people, empowered its men, and worked to legislate the law designating Basra as Iraq's economic capital – a law we will continue to fight to implement, along with establishing its General Secretariat and enforcing the Petro-Dollar Law."

H.E. emphasized the need to settle Basra's debts from its Petro-Dollar revenues, which remain valid and outstanding, and called for a fair distribution of the province's wealth to include all its areas – north, west, south, and outskirts – while treating all Basrawis equally, without exclusion or discrimination.

"The nation stands at a crossroads," H.E. said, "and we must strengthen the path of moderation and centrism, keeping Iraq away from unnecessary conflicts."

H.E. called for broad, active, and conscious participation in the upcoming elections, affirming that strong participation ensures the rights of both voters and non-voters alike. H.E. also emphasized the importance of fair electoral competition and the protection of candidates' safety and reputation, holding security authorities responsible for ensuring electoral security for gatherings, campaign materials, and voting centers – including the protection of voters themselves.

H.E. highlighted that moderation is a source of strength because it earns the trust of Iraqis,

the region, and the world. H.E. underscored the importance of sending messages of reassurance, interlinking interests, and building upon shared common ground, noting that the greatest responsibility lies with Iraq’s largest component.

Calling for gratitude toward achievements and vigilance in safeguarding them, H.E. addressed the people of Basra, saying: “O people of Basra, do not waste it,” reaffirming that political and economic stability begins with activating Iraq’s productive sectors – industry, agriculture, tourism, investment, and technology – alongside revitalizing public services, including education, health, water, electricity, and infrastructure.

H.E. also stressed the importance of upholding national and religious values and empowering youth as the hope of both present and future. H.E. pointed to the leading role of young people in Al-Hikma’s project, reiterating that 11/11 marks the beginning of the project, not its end.

H.E. stated, “The National State Powers Alliance seeks a government of service, not crisis; a government of action, not slogans; a government for the citizen, not for the official; a government of principles and accountability, not corruption and moral decay; a government strong in its people, its vision, and its relationships – not weak or hesitant; a government of integrity, not one tainted by favoritism; a government of programs and timelines, not personalities and uncertainty; a government of unity, not fragmentation; a government of independent decision, not dependency – one that prioritizes the public good and places Iraq above all else.”

H.E. concluded by urging future parliament members to represent all Iraqis equally and to make serving the people and safeguarding Iraq’s national interests their foremost goal.