Sayyid Al-Hakeem Calls to Create Individual Governorate’s Economic Identity Based on Resources

At the end of the first day of his tour in Al-Diwaniyah Governorate, Sayyid Ammar Al-Hakeem, Head of Al-Hikma National Movement, met with a distinguished group of elites and professionals at the headquarters of the Iraqi Engineers Syndicate, Al-Diwaniyah branch. His Eminence praised the role of the elites and professionals and explained the challenges Iraq has faced, including regional and international perceptions of post-2003 Iraq and the concerns expressed through media pressure and the leniency in allowing terrorists to cross borders. H.E. noted that today's perception has changed, with regional security now seen as tied to Iraq's stability.

H.E. mentioned that there is regional and international will for Iraq's stability, citing the recent development initiatives by some regional countries and the warm reception of Prime Minister Al-Sudani during his visit to the United States. H.E. also called for moving away from a rentier state model and linking Iraq’s fate to fluctuating oil prices driven by variable international factors. H.E. emphasized the need to activate productive sectors such as agriculture, industry, tourism, investment, and technology. H.E. also called for each governorate to develop an economic identity based on its resources and specialties.

H.E. stated that Iraq has all the capabilities across various sectors and stressed the importance of creating an investment-friendly environment through social security, supportive laws, and regulations to encourage and protect investments, instead of hindering and deterring laws. H.E. suggested establishing administrative systems through specialized international companies to train Iraqi cadres and maintain hospitals. H.E. highlighted the significant attention given to the agriculture sector, starting from the government of Sayyid Adil Abdul-Mahdi to the government of Mr. Al-Sudani, and called for the development of Al-Dalmij Marsh and the activation of the tourism sector.

On the issue of combating drugs, H.E. emphasized the need to distinguish between users and traffickers, stating that conflating the two is a mistake. H.E. praised the Prime Minister's follow-up on the outcomes of meetings, especially on issues directly affecting citizens. H.E. underscored the importance of granting local governments their constitutionally mandated powers, noting that governorates are more familiar with their details and priorities. H.E. encouraged learning from global experiences in cultivating certain crops, including rice.