Sayyid Al-Hakeem: Challenges Are Opportunities When Managed Well, and We Count on Upcoming Elections for Lasting Stability

During a meeting with several sheiks and dignitaries from the Sayyids Al Bu Thab’hak Al-Husseini tribe in Baghdad's Ghazaliya district, Sayyid Ammar Al-Hakeem, Head of the National State Powers Alliance, delivered a speech in which he reflected on the lessons of the painful events of Karbala. His Eminence emphasized that one of the most important takeaways is the ability to transform challenges into opportunities, citing the Qur’anic verse:

"So, surely with hardship comes ease. Indeed, with hardship comes ease."

(94:5-6 Holy Quran)

His Eminence pointed out that Iraq has overcome major challenges such as terrorism and sectarianism, turning them into opportunities to strengthen security, foster coexistence, and promote societal integration—thanks to the sacrifices and awareness of the Iraqi people, and the guidance of the Supreme Religious Authority.

H.E. noted that the longstanding challenge of public services is now witnessing positive shifts, with real and tangible improvements beginning to emerge. H.E. warned, however, that being consumed by daily details may obscure the scale of change happening in the country, at a time when outside observers see Iraq making meaningful progress.

H.E. stressed that Iraq has moved past the stage of instability and is now in a phase of fragile stability, expressing hope that the upcoming elections would lead to sustainable stability—provided that voters make wise and responsible choices.

On the topic of elections, H.E. underscored the need to rebuild public trust in the legislative institution, which had been undermined by poor performance in some previous parliamentary terms. H.E. urged citizens to participate broadly in the electoral process and to vote for competent and honest candidates from national lists.

H.E. also cautioned against the dangers of excessive campaign spending, describing it as a gateway to corruption and blackmail. H.E. called on candidates to maintain open and ongoing channels of communication with their constituents, in recognition of the trust placed in them by the people they represent in parliament.