Sayyid Al-Hakeem: Protecting Iraq’s Achievements Requires National Solidarity, Confronting Regional Crises Repercussions

At the abodes of Al-Ard Sayyids in holy Karbala, and in the guesthouse of Mr. Sattar Safi Al-Ardawi, His Eminence Sayyid Al-Hakeem, Head of the National State Powers’ Alliance, met a huge gathering of sayyids, sheikhs, and dignitaries of holy Karbala governorate, explaining that Karbala is a city to which the hearts of millions from everywhere are drawn, in addition to its influence on Iraq’s history from the 1920 Revolution, then the Shaabaniyah Uprising, up to the defensive jihad fatwa of Imam Sayyid Al-Sistani (may his shadow endure), which was issued from holy Karbala, and regarding holy Karbala as a success story that can be emulated in the rest of the governorates.

H.E. called for confronting challenges and irritants and protecting Iraq and its achievements, pointing to what the Islamic Republic of Iran was subjected to, and commending the steadfastness of the Iranian people, regarding Iraq as the country most harmed by the region’s events at the economic level, stressing the preservation of the achievements made at all levels, and warning of the widening of crises in the region.

H.E. commended the government’s efforts in fulfilling the state’s obligations toward employees, contractors, and farmers, explaining that this contributed to sustaining the economic cycle, achieving food and social security, providing job opportunities, and completing service projects, and deeming it likely that the war file will be closed given its impact on the global economy, including the major powers.

H.E. called for patience to overcome this crisis arising from the region’s events, explaining that peaceful demonstration is a legitimate right, and warning of external agendas that exploit demonstrations to achieve political ends, infringe on the prestige of the state, and put people’s interests at risk, and urging social and tribal leaders to bear responsibility in understanding the seriousness of the regional situation and its impact on Iraq, stressing the issuing of reassuring messages among the components, and the promotion of a discourse of calm and the equation of partnership, and warning of the attempts by some, who are few, to bring the sectarian discourse back to the forefront, while expressing confidence in the ability of Iraqis to bear with one another and close ranks to reach an independent, stable, and prosperous Iraq.