Sayyid Al-Hakeem: Diyala First Line of Defense Against Terrorism, Made Great Sacrifices to Preserve Iraq's Unity

During his tour of Diyala Governorate, His Eminence Sayyid Al-Hakeem, Head of the National State Powers' Alliance, met with a gathering of sheikhs and dignitaries of the Bani Tamim tribe and a number of sheikhs and dignitaries of Diyala's tribes, at the guesthouse of Sheikh Mazhar Maghamis Al-Tamimi in the Kharnabat area, recalling with them the historical relationship that united the family of Imam Al-Hakeem (may Allah sanctify his soul) with the Bani Tamim tribe, the tribes of Diyala, and the residents of Kharnabat. H.E. described Diyala as the first line of defense against terrorism, having made great sacrifices in preserving Iraq and its national unity.

H.E. pointed to the challenges surrounding Iraq and its overcoming of many of them by the grace of Allah and the determination of its people, explaining that the challenges turned hardships into gifts and opportunities. H.E. addressed the developments of events in the region, noting that the criteria for victory in this war are tied to the ability to achieve the declared objectives, and explaining that the countries and peoples of the region have paid a heavy price as a result of the regional events, including Iraq, due to the decline in oil production and the difficulty of exporting it. H.E. also commended the efforts made to pay the dues of farmers, contractors, and employees, calling for patience through this phase.

H.E. regarded the end of the International Coalition's missions in Iraq as a message of recovery and an international recognition of it, calling for sending messages of reassurance, coexistence, and peace among Iraqis, leaving the past phase behind, and bearing the pain with fortitude.

H.E. called for attention to agriculture, industry, tourism, investment, and modern technology, stressing the necessity of ending the rentier state model, and explaining that Diyala bears many features and characteristics, calling for restoring it to what it once was, a city of oranges, in addition to making use of its industrial, oil, and gas potential and its tourist sites, describing it as an important economic hub.