Sayyid Al-Hakeem Stresses Security Vigilance After International Coalition Missions End, Pursue Terrorist Cells

At the start of the second day of his tour of Diyala Governorate, His Eminence Sayyid Al-Hakeem, Head of the National State Powers' Alliance, visited the headquarters of the Diyala Operations Command and met with the Operations Commander and the governorate's security leaders, commending all the efforts made to establish security, regarding Diyala as a miniature Iraq in terms of its social makeup, and pointing to the phase following the end of the International Coalition's missions against ISIS. H.E. called for sustaining security and intelligence work and for remaining vigilant and cautious against terrorism without complacency, describing terrorist cells as cancerous cells, and explained that Iraq adopts an economic priority and therefore needs to establish security and create a safe environment for investment.

H.E. called for sending messages of reassurance among the components and embracing everyone, and for blocking the way to any attempt to create an environment sympathetic to terrorism or a haven for it, stressing that responsibility should be placed only on those involved, without generalizing it to an area, district, or group, and calling for self-reliance and for making use of the capabilities and vast experience of Iraqis in confronting terrorism. H.E. prayed for mercy upon the martyrs of the security services and the Popular Mobilization Forces, wishing the security services success in their security work and that it be professional, and explaining that the security man needs to succeed at every step, whereas terrorism seeks to prove its existence through any attempt, which is a difficult equation that leaves no room for anything but success.

H.E. regarded drugs as another form of terrorism, calling for genuine treatment rather than merely arresting traffickers, and stressing the necessity of finding fundamental solutions in accordance with practical plans and programs.