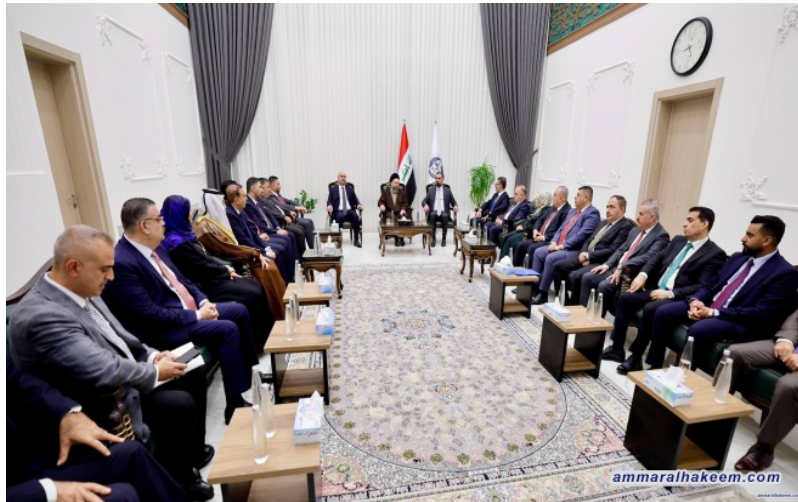


Sayyid Al-Hakeem Calls to Strengthen Kirkuk Government's Powers, Capitalize on Its Diversity, Resources



From the governorate of diversity and brotherhood, dear Kirkuk, His Eminence Sayyid Al-Hakeem, Head of the National State Powers' Alliance, begins a tour of the governorate by meeting the Governor, Mr. Mohammed Samaan Agha, the Governor's Deputy, Mr. Rebwar Taha, the Chairman of the Governorate Council, Mr. Mohammed Ibrahim Al-Hafidh, and a number of council members.

H.E. discussed with them the situation of the governorate and the level of services provided to citizens, calling for sustained work in this governorate, which represents a miniature Iraq, and where success reflects on Iraq as a whole.

H.E. stressed granting local governments their constitutional and legal powers, calling for making use of Kirkuk's industrial, agricultural, and tourism standing and attracting investors to it, and pointing to the importance of preserving and managing diversity and turning the components into bridges of communication between Iraq and the countries of the region and the world.

H.E. also called for sustaining work to confront any attempt by the terrorist ISIS organization to resurge, stipulating, to that end, the activation of intelligence work and preemptive military operations and the maintenance of security coordination among the security agencies.