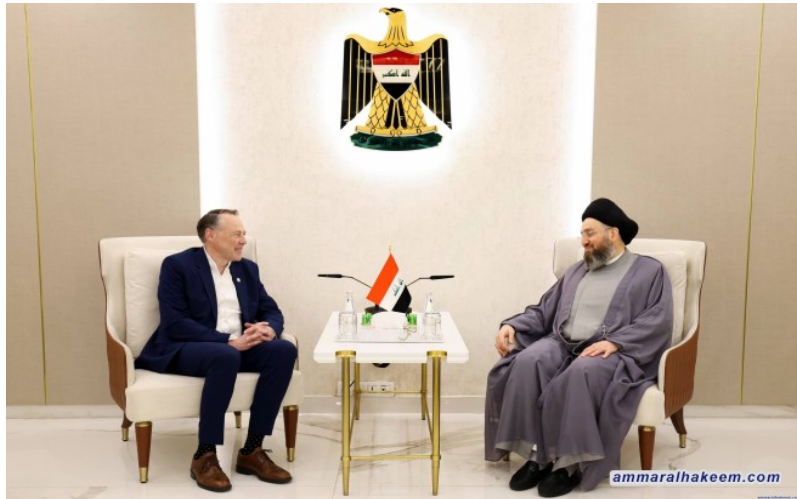


## Sayyid Al-Hakeem to European Delegation: Iraq's Diversity Strength Source, National Identity Enrichment



His Eminence Sayyid Al-Hakeem, Head of the National State Powers' Alliance, received at his office in Baghdad a high-level European delegation comprising a number of members of parliament from several countries, as well as media professionals and activists specializing in the affairs of societal components.

The delegation included Mr. Sjúrdur Skaale, a politician, writer, and journalist from the Faroe Islands of the Kingdom of Denmark; Dr. Kim Hartzner, a Danish physician; Mr. Niels Birkemose, a Danish journalist, media professional, and humanitarian activist; and Mr. Bergur Þórsson, an Icelandic politician and former member of the Althing.

The delegation also included Mr. Ghassan Fouad Saka, an Iraqi-Canadian community activist and media professional, and Mr. Shwan Sabah, Executive Director of the Rêzan Development Organization in Iraq.

The meeting featured a review of the reality of societal components in Iraq and their political and social representation, with H.E. affirming that Iraq's components constitute a genuine enrichment of the national culture, and are measured not by their numbers but by their impact and role in society.

H.E. Sayyid Al-Hakeem stressed that Iraq is a nation of diversity and that its strength lies in that diversity, calling for the wise management of this diversity by transforming Iraq's components into bridges of civilizational communication connecting Iraq to its regional and international environment.

At the conclusion of the meeting, H.E. renewed his call for the closure of the displaced persons file and the creation of appropriate conditions for their return to their cities and

villages.