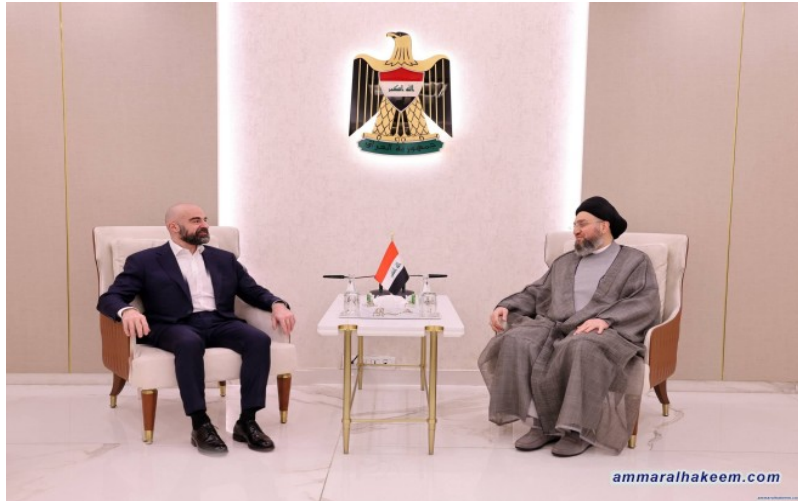


Sayyid Al-Hakeem: Iraq's International, Regional Openness Enhances Interests



His Eminence Sayyid Al-Hakeem, Head of the National State Powers' Alliance, received the Head of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan, Mr. Bafel Talabani, and discussed with him developments in the political scene in Iraq and the region, where H.E. stressed the importance of dialogue and understanding in resolving outstanding issues.

H.E. called for confronting challenges with greater national cohesion and internal solidarity, stressing the necessity of preserving security and social achievements, and investing in challenges by turning them into opportunities and a success story, considering the economic challenge to be at the forefront of the challenges as a result of events in the region and Iraq's exposure to their effects.

Sayyid Al-Hakeem stressed adherence to Iraq's approach of openness toward its regional and international surroundings, calling for ending the conflict in the region and restoring stability, reaffirming his support for the Iraqi government's efforts in combating corruption, as well as its support in its reform and development track.