

## Sayyid Al-Hakeem: Handing Over Weapons to Popular Mobilization Forces Strengthens State System



His Eminence Sayyid Al-Hakeem, Head of the National State Powers' Alliance, received at his office in Baghdad His Excellency the British Ambassador to Iraq, Mr. Irfan Siddiq, and discussed with him bilateral relations and ways to develop them in a manner serving the interests of the two friendly peoples.

H.E. called for adopting dialogue and understandings to resolve the region's problems, stressing the importance of restoring stability and calm, and noting that Iraq faces an economic challenge due to regional events, pointing to the importance of leveraging this stage to diversify sources of income, and diversify export outlets through a network of pipelines extending across the Red Sea and the Mediterranean Sea.

H.E. stressed adopting dialogue on the matter of confining weapons to the hands of the state, and handing over weapons to the Popular Mobilization Forces Commission as an official institution within the state's institutions.