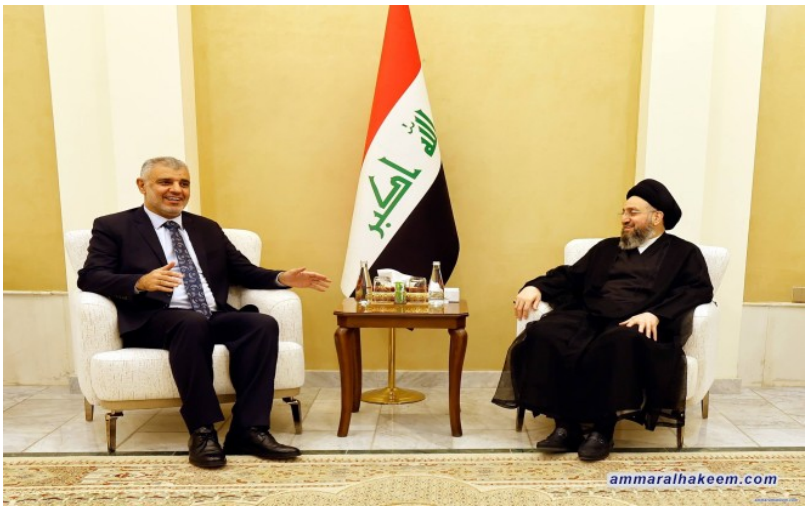
Sayyid Al-Hakeem: Digital Illiteracy New Challenge; Keeping Pace With Technology Necessary To Strengthen Iraqi Economy



His Eminence Sayyid Al-Hakeem, Head of the National State Powers' Alliance, received at his office in Baghdad His Excellency the Minister of Economy and Governance, Mr. Mohammed Sahib Al-Daraji.

H.E. stressed the need for the Iraqi government to keep pace with the rapid digital transformations and to harness information technology as a key tributary for boosting the gross domestic product.

In the course of his remarks, H.E. said: "The concept of illiteracy is no longer confined to ignorance of reading and writing as it was in the past, but now includes lagging behind technological and digital developments."

H.E. emphasized the importance of employing modern digital technologies, artificial intelligence tools, governance, and automation in diagnosing economic projects, exploring investment opportunities, and analyzing their economic feasibility, in a way that contributes to rationalizing decisions and enhancing the efficiency of planning and investment.

For his part, the Minister reviewed the state of Iraq's digital infrastructure and the most prominent challenges facing this sector, particularly those related to data integrity and security, stressing the need for integrated institutional solutions that contribute to developing the digital infrastructure and enhancing its readiness to keep pace with the requirements of digital transformation.