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## DEDICATION

-To our Christian brothers and others from other minorities of Iraq, the cradle of civilization.

-To those who search for humanitarian impacts in the Islamic Law.

-To the spirits of martyrs devoted in this cause.

- To his Eminence Sayed Ali Husseini Sistani, May Allah grant him long life.. to the sublime paternal soul of him.

-To the generations of the centuries to come, who will consider the Religious Authority and its contributions of mankind.

I dedicate this work.

## PUBLISHER'S WORD

In the name of God, Most Beneficent, Most Merciful  
Praise be to God, and may peace and blessings be on the seal  
of Prophets & Messengers, Mohammed and his immaculate  
progeny.

The prudent attitudes taken by Grand Ayatollah Sayed Ali  
Sistani have become evident for all the sane people and mankind  
in general, as they aimed at creating a conscious well-knit  
community and bridging all the gaps that the enemies may  
benefit from. Of his blessed approach were rejecting sectarianism  
and extremism and respecting others' beliefs. He follows in  
the footsteps of his great grandfathers (May God bless them  
All), adhering to Imam Ali's direction, when saying: "(Any  
fellow citizen is) either your brother in religion, or your peer in  
creation." A Muslim is your brother in religion, since Muslims  
are brothers of equal values in terms of blood, rights and duties.  
A non-Muslim is your peer in creation. Therefore, you have  
to treat them fairly and kindly, protect them and respect their  
opinions and beliefs.

When his eminence received the Supreme Pontiff, Pope Francis,  
Pope of the Catholic Church, he expressed how lofty the Islamic  
Message is; the message which calls for love, brotherhood, and  
peaceful co-existence, and establishes civilization on the planet.

In view of the importance of this meeting and its impact on peaceful co-existence, and moderation, and in order to document this historical event signifying the summit meeting of the Shia Muslim & Catholic Supreme Leaderships, the Secretariat General of Kadhimain Holy Shrine has published this pamphlet prepared by our brother Sheikh Imad Al-Kadhimi who spared no efforts in collecting the statements and fatwas on this subject.

We pray the Almighty for the success of all for the welfare of humanity. All praise be to God and may peace and blessings be on Mohammed and his immaculate family.

Secretariat General of Kadhimain Holy Shrine  
Intellectual and Cultural Affairs Dept.

## INTRODUCTION:

In the name of God, Most Beneficent, Most Merciful  
Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds, and peace and blessings  
be on His Prophet Mohammed and his pure infallible progeny.

The religious authority, over its long history, had shown open and transparent attitudes in dealing well with non-Muslims, who live in Muslim countries, by calling to protect their properties and their rights and defend them. Those were the important attitudes in expressing their interest in peaceful co-existence, and their protection for other minorities such as Christians<sup>(1)</sup>. I will try in the coming pages to shed light on bright aspects in stressing the significance of maintaining peace and security in all the conditions that the Nation may live, including maintaining rights from loss or transgression. It is a mission of great importance, highlighting the greatness of the Islamic legislation that covers all aspects of life. To explain this, we will give some examples that emphasized the humanitarian role of the Religious Authority and its recommendations to the believers as stated by his Eminence Sayed Ali Sistani in their fight against ISIS in 2014, and even before that,

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(1) There are so many examples for those attitudes, such as the fatwas pronounced by Sheikh Mohammed Taqi Al-Shirazi when the 1920 revolution broke, a hundred years ago, against the British occupation of Iraq, instructing the people to protect the lives and properties of non-Muslims. For more details, see: Dr. Sheikh Imad Al-Kadhimi, Supreme Religious Authority (SRA) & Its Role in Building the Iraqi State.



following the collapse of the Baathist regime in 2003. This clearly illustrates the unified methodology adopted by the Religious Authority in dealing with the Islamic Nation's issues.

The attitudes, Fatwas, and statements of his Eminence Sayed Ali Sistani had tremendous impacts on protecting the community from total disintegration, after the US occupation of Iraq in 2003. All the statements passed by his Eminence, in addition to those declared by his agents and representatives, on maintaining the Muslims rights, and peaceful co-existence in general, and the rights of non-Muslims and minorities, in particular, were very expressive. I will mention ten examples that will give a bright image for those attitudes that history will always remember. They will be mentioned chronologically as issued, referring to the most trustworthy resources which documented the same period, i.e. "Declarations of Sayed Sistani on the Iraqi Issue", compiled by Haj Hamid Al-Khaffaf, besides the official website of his Eminence Sistani.

These excerpts, though brief <sup>(1)</sup>, pave the way before researchers

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(1) These papers were hastily prepared before the visit of Pope Francis, the head of the Catholic Church and sovereign of the Vatican City State, to Iraq for the period from 5-8/3/2021, heading for Holy Najaf to meet his Eminence Sayed Ali Sistani, on Saturday, 6th March, 2021. Though the planned visit was announced several months before, it was not until two nights before his arrival that writing these papers stroke my mind, when the world media started talking about this historic visit and that the Iraqi government is making preparations for that. Thus, I decided to write and dedicate my work to the researchers to be a historic document on the Religious Authority's attitudes.

for more detailed studies on those attitudes that stemmed from the Holy Islamic teachings calling for maintaining human dignity and mutual respect between all religions on the basis of their commonalities. It represents a universal message to the whole world and the different religious authorities urging for peaceful co-existence, maintaining commonalities and setting aside the differences that the enemies try to use to divide peoples. A researcher will see in the excerpts included good human examples on maintaining the unity of the Iraqi people to be taken as a practical lesson by other people living in countries of different religions and sects in their confrontation of the difficulties they experience. As the papers that I wrote earlier were published in an electronic form, and are now ready to be produced in a paper form, I would like to mention something about the Pope's important visit, just for documentation purposes for any prospective researchers, besides the important views expressed about this visit, which underlined the role of the Supreme Religious Authority in protecting the nation.

I pray the Almighty for the best acceptance of my work, and to help us all follow this approach that preserves the dignity of the Islamic Nation in its struggle against misfortune.

Imad Al-Kadhimi

Holy Kadhimiya

Thursday, 6th Thul-Qe'da, 1442 AH.

17/06/2021

## TEN HISTORIC ATTITUDES BY THE RELIGIOUS AUTHORITY

First: A question, among other questions, from Der Spiegel, the German magazine, to the office of his Eminence, inquiring <sup>(1)</sup>:  
“7. There are fears from establishing a form of religious governance that might deprive the minorities from their rights, as declared by some extremists, or unjustifiably endanger the lives and properties of Iraqis from other sects. So, are such fears justified, or will everything remain as it is for the Christians and other religious minorities?”

And the answer was:

A: 7- The major socio-political forces of Iraq do not call for forming a religious government; rather, they strive for a system that respects the religious parameters of the Iraqis and recognizes pluralism, justice and equity as principles. We refuse any kind of attack that may now and then be committed against non-Muslims. Such acts will be controlled after empowering the police forces and courts and enable them to perform their duties properly”.  
The answer is crystal clear. It indicates how the Supreme Religious Authority (SRA) refuses the practices adopted by some people against non-Muslims, immediately after the fall of the past regime.

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(1) Hamid Al-Khaffaf, Declarations of Sayed Sistani on the Iraqi Issue, p 102, among other questions, totaling ten.

This purported religious governance is not among the priorities of the Islamic socio-political forces. The priority, however, is to maintain the unity of the Iraqis within an independent Iraqi government which respects the beliefs of the Iraqis, as the answer clearly states. Any other individual acts committed by those who do not respect the rights of non-Muslims were part of the disarray that immediately followed the US occupation of the country. These questions were raised on 24th Thul-Hijja, 1424 AH, i.e. about ten months after the occupation and fall of the regime.

س٧: هناك من يتخوف من إقامة حكم ديني يحرم الأقليات من بعض حقوقها في ضوء تصريحات متطرفة من قبل البعض، والاعتداءات على حياة وممتلكات عراقيين من طوائف مختلفة من دون مبرر، فهل هناك ما يبرر تلك المخاوف أم سيبقى كل شيء كما هو الآن بالنسبة للمسيحيين والطوائف الأخرى؟

ج٧: إن القوى السياسية والاجتماعية الرئيسة في العراق لا تدعو إلى قيام حكومة دينية، بل إلى نظام يحترم الثوابت الدينية للعراقيين ويعتمد مبدأ التعددية والعدالة والمساواة كما مرّ، وقد سبق للمرجعية الدينية أن أوضحت أنها ليست معنيّة بتصدي الحوزة العلمية لممارسة العمل السياسي، وأنها ترتأي لعلماء الدين أن يناوؤا بأنفسهم عن تسلّم المناصب الحكومية.

وأما ما يقع أحياناً من بعض الاعتداءات على غير المسلمين فهو أمر مرفوض تماماً وسيتم القضاء عليها بعد تمكين قوات الشرطة والمحاكم من أداء مهامها بصورة كاملة.

## SECOND: A STATEMENT BY THE SRA

The SRA issued a statement in the wake of some attacks waged against churches in Baghdad and Mosul. It stated<sup>(1)</sup>:

“In a series of criminal acts that our beloved Iraq experiences, targeting its unity, stability and independence, a number of churches in Baghdad and Mosul were viciously attacked, resulting in the fall of tens of casualties and wounded, and the damage of some public and private properties. While condemning these heinous crimes and calling for joint efforts and cooperation in order to stop the attacks and attackers, we emphasize that the rights of Christian citizens, including their right to live in their homeland Iraq in peace and security, must be respected. We ask the Almighty Allah to protect the Iraqis all from any harm and bless this beloved country with security and stability; for He is the Hearer and the Responsive”.

15th Jumada II, 1425 AH, i.e. 2nd August, 2004.

The statement is quite expressive in showing how far the SRA defends the rights of non-Muslims, especially the Christians, condemning the attacks waged against their places of worship, and respecting their rituals. And the same applies to other minorities. The SRA also stresses that they should be protected from any assault. Besides, efforts must be exerted in order to achieve full

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(1) Declarations of Sayed Sistani on the Iraqi Issue, p. 127.

stability for all the citizens from all sects and prevent the enemy from penetrating the community and breaking up the unity of the Iraqi people through their different nations or religions or races. All this is dependent on how vigilant and attentive the peoples is to the vicious conspiracies of the enemies who sow the seeds of division between the people of different religions in the country, and strive to stay under false pretenses such as protecting the rights of minorities, taken away by the majority. The believers and nationalists who stood against such plans are quite aware of them and how they can be used for societal divisions and continuous attacks. And it depends on how conscious the Iraqis of different religions and races are of such plans. Therefore, the SRA used to stand in the face of the plots and call the people to be aware of their impacts and call them for peaceful living, unity and abandonment of differences.

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

في مسلسل الاغتيال الاجرامية التي يشهدها العراق العزيز وتهدف  
 وحدته واستقراره وامتنانه تعرض عدد من الكنائس المسيحية في بغداد  
 والموصل الى امتهات آتمة أصرفت عن تقويم عشرات النصابا الاثني باه  
 بين قبيل وجهم كما تصور من جرائمها الكبر من الممتلكات العامة والخاصة .  
 وانما اذ تشعب وتلين هذه الجرائم الفظيعة وتزدى صهورة تصافر اليهود  
 وتداون الجميع - حكومتهم وشعباً - في ميعل وضع حد للاعتداء على العراقيين  
 وقطع باب المندمين فزكاد على وجوب اقدم حقوق المواطنين المسيحيين  
 وعينهم من الازليان الوديين ومناجعتهم في العيش في وطنهم العراق في  
 أمن وسلام .

نسأل الله العلي العظيم ان يهب العراقيين جيباً كل سوء ومكروه ويقم  
 طويحاً البلاد العزيز بالامن والاستقرار ان يصحح مجيب .



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### **THIRD: THE SRA RELATIONS WITH THE HEADS OF OTHER RELIGIONS.**

The SRA issued a statement on the death of the Supreme Pontiff John Paul II, the Pope of Vatican, stating<sup>(1)</sup>: “His Eminence, the Cardinal Angelo Sodano, the Secretary of Vatican City State, We extend our condolences to you and the followers of the Catholic Church, on the demise of the Supreme Pontiff, John Paul II, Pope of the Vatican, who played a distinguished role in serving the causes of peace and religious tolerance, and thus he won the respect of people of different religions and beliefs. Mankind today is in bad need of serious and persistent efforts, especially by religious and spiritual leaders, in order to establish the values of love and peaceful co-existence, on bases of observing rights and mutual respect from the followers of different religions and ideologies. We ask the Almighty God for His help to enable us all to act for the welfare and prosperity of all mankind. We wish all the best and peace to you and all the Christians worldwide”.

25th Safar, 1426 AH; i.e. 5th April, 2005.

The statement gives a clear description for the importance of establishing liaison between different religions, and on how imperative it is to remind about the common human principles on the one hand, and the divine legislations, on the other. The

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(1) Declarations of Sayed Sistani on the Iraqi Issue, p. 140.

importance of this invitation and exerting efforts to unite mankind under certain principles will certainly lead to establishing the values of love and peaceful co-existence. The condolences extended by the SRA refer to much greater opportunities in achieving those noble goals that drop all the excuses of the religion's enemies; besides, it represents a call for a serious human dialog and putting the rulings of legislations calling for maintaining mankind and its dignity, into practice. This has been clearly seen by the researcher on different occasions where the SRA used to remind of/call for this approach, being aware of its significance in the survival of the Nation and keeping it united.

## رسالة تعزية بمناسبة وفاة البابا يوحنا بولس الثاني

بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم

غبطة الكاردينال أنجلو سودانو أمين سرّ حاضرة الفاتيكان المحترم  
نعزيكم وسائر أتباع الكنيسة الكاثوليكية بوفاة الحبر الأعظم يوحنا  
بولس الثاني بابا الفاتيكان، الذي أدى دوراً متميزاً في خدمة قضايا السلام  
والتسامح الديني، وحظي بذلك باحترام الناس من مختلف الملل والأديان.  
إن البشرية اليوم بأمرّ الحاجة إلى العمل الجادّ والدؤوب - ولا سيما  
من الزعامات الدينية والروحية - لتثبيت قيم المحبة والتعايش السلمي المبني  
على رعاية الحقوق والاحترام المتبادل بين أتباع مختلف الأديان والمناهج  
الفكرية.

نسأل الله العليّ القدير أن يأخذ بأيدي الجميع إلى ما فيه صلاح  
الانسانية وسعادتها، وتمنّى لكم لسائر المسيحيين في العالم الخير والسلام.

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مكتب السيد السيستاني (دام ظله)  
النجف الأشرف

## **FOURTH: A STATEMENT BY THE SRA IN THE WAKE OF A SERIES OF ATTACKS AND BLASTS.**

The SRA issued a detailed statement, following a series of horrific attacks and blasts launched against innocent citizens, causing casualties, in which it stated<sup>(1)</sup>:

“In the name of Allah, Most Beneficent, Most Merciful

“And hold fast, all together, by the rope which Allah stretches out for you, and be not divided among yourselves; and remember with gratitude Allah’s favor on you; for ye were enemies and He joined your hearts in love, so that by His Grace, ye became brethren”.

I am sadly and painfully following the news of tragedies and attacks that the Iraqi people is experiencing everyday. These include terror-spreading, kidnapping, murdering, and mutilating acts of indescribable atrocity that violates all human, religious and national values. Since the very first days of occupation, I tried hard to make the Iraqis pass this crucial phase of their history without being trapped in sectarianism or racism as I was aware how gravely the Iraqi people’s unity and cohesion would be threatened in such a phase. Today, I call again all the good Iraqi citizens of different sects and races to be mindful of the risks threatening the future of their country, and, in confronting them, join hands in rejecting hatred and violence and replace them with love and peaceful

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(1) Declarations of Sayed Sistani on the Iraqi Issue, p. 158-160.

dialog to settle all problems and disputes. I say to those who abuse non-Muslim citizens, be they Christians, Sabiens or others: have you not heard that when it was reported to the Commander of the Faithful (as) that a non-Muslim woman was abused by those who claimed to be Muslim, and tried to take her ornaments away by force, he (as) said: "If any Muslim dies of grief after all this he is not to be blamed but rather there is justification for him before me." So, why do you badly treat your brethren in humanity, with whom you share the same homeland?

Dear Iraqi Citizens, In the current conditions, breaking the impasse that Iraq is experiencing requires a decision by all parties to respect the sanctity of Iraqi blood, whosever it is, and stop all kinds of violence and counter-violence."

(22 Jumada Aakhira, 1427 AH)

These words of the Supreme Leader are quite clear and express the agony he was suffering due to the continuous atrocities that the terrorists commit against them, aiming at destabilizing the situation in Iraq, seizing any chance to kill the greatest number possible of people, and providing the justification for the occupation forces to stay and be immune to any attempt to demand their departure, since there were indubitable motives for their stay.

Therefore, the SRA was quite mindful of those vicious plans that aim at breaking the unity of the people and the significance of adhering to the Quranic call for unity:

“And hold fast, all of you together, to the rope of Allah, and do not separate.”

for it is the optimal solution to eradicate all the evils surrounding the country. The religious leader here voices his concerns on sufferings of the Iraqi people, regardless of their religions, sects or races, since he deals with them on other common grounds. Further, he emphasizes they should all join hands, cooperate and establish peaceful co-existence between all, which is necessary to prevent the terrorists and the enemies of Iraq who support them materially and morally in order to fulfill their ends, even if the Iraqis were to pay a heavy price by giving concessions and sacrifices. What a great fatherly speech it was when he said: “and, in confronting them, join hands in rejecting hatred and violence and replace them with love and peaceful dialog.” Not only did these words of his Eminence stop blood shed of innocent people, it was also considered a call for peaceful co-existence between the fellow countrymen<sup>(1)</sup>.

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(1) That has been the consistent principle of the SRA since the US occupation of Iraq in 2003, over years of terrorism, murders and chaos. That was the perfect human approach adopted by the SRA, as acknowledged and announced in the media by prominent non-Muslim personalities. Of the Pope’s words that most of the media published after his meeting with his Eminence Sayed Sistani were: “He is a wise godly man. A wise humble man. I felt proud when I met Ayatollah Sistani. His meeting made my soul comfortable”

When visiting Mosul, following his visit to Sayed Sistani, the Pope declared: We thank that great man who lives in one of the narrow alleys of Najaf, for his great Fatwa for the salvation of the Christians and followers of other sects and religions from the

His Eminence brings to mind the natural rights of Christians and others in living in peace and security in their country, being delivered from attacks and in having their dignities maintained. He even calls to attention an important historical event that occurred at the time of Imam Ali (as) when he voiced emphasis on protecting them.

Then, he ends up his advice by calling all parties to sign a human charter recognizing the sanctity of the “Iraqi blood” which constitutes a commonality between all societal segments. Everybody should defend it and protect it against any abuse or violation, since the country is for all, and also should keep it safe from domestic and foreign threats.

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hands of criminals with the help of the Shiites who responded to his Fatwa. We wish them and all other Iraqis happiness and long life.”

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

قاله الله تعالى: (وَالْقُرْآنَ يُخَالِفُ الَّذِينَ يُنَادُونَ بِاللَّهِ عَلَيْهِمْ إِذْ كُنْتُمْ إِكْفَانًا تَأْتَمَّتْ قلوبكم ما تَسْمَعُونَ بِغَيْبِ أُنسَابِهِمْ) صدق الله العلي

يقول في عصر جزأه أو أضعاف أضعافه ما يحرص له إنباء الشعب العربي المظلوم يومياً من مأس وأحداث - قروياً وصعباً - خلفاً وتلاً  
وعقلاً - ما تعجز الحكومات من وصف نبأعتها وتطالعتها ومدى جبانة كل القيم الانسانية والدينية والوطنية .  
وقد كنت - منذ ايام الاولى للاحتلال - حرصاً على أن يتأثر العربيون هذه الغيبة المسيئة من تأرجح من فوق الترح في شرك  
الفنن الماكنية والدينية - مدركاً لعظم الخط الذي يهدده رجوة هذا الشعب وتأسك نصيرته الرباني في هذه المرحلة - نصيرت لفرجات الماكني و  
خططات العراق الذين يتربصون به معاد السوء ويعاملونهم .

وتدركن فيما تهرج العرب المسلمين وعبر المؤمنين وأنتم تقادى الاثرا في الحياوي الفنن الطائفية لتزيد من مستنير - البرم من كل  
الصنيع التي ترضى لعاشرتها الاوف من البراء على اساس عويص الذميين .

ولكن لم يأس العدالة وحقاً في منبذ حطلمه فنسبت هذا الوطن بتعيق حرة الفلوس من ابناءه - وامانه - ولاؤف - بعض اهل  
الدار على ذلك - حتى وقعت الكارثة الكبرى بتغيير مرذالين المنسكين عليها السلام وآل الاموي ما سنده اليوم من حنأها عيضا  
البدن في كل مكان - ولاسيما بغداد المنزوية - وبذلك بلبانة تحت عناوين مختلفة وبذريع رافعة - ولا رابع ولا سابع .

اختر اكرم اليوم تقادى اليربع ابناء العراق الضياري من مختلف الطوائف والفروقات بأن يمزجهم لفضل الذي يعد مستقبل بدمهم -  
ويكافون في برأجهته بنيد اللهيبة والذنب واستبدالها بالمحبة والفرار اليه من كل كاتمة المشاكل والفجوات .

كما انشد كل المخلصين الربيعين على رجوة هذا البلد ومستقبل ابلانه من اصحاب الرأي والفكر والقادة الذين والسوايين زجا الفضا  
وعيزيم لبلانها نصاري جودهم في سبيل وقف هذا المسهل الذي الذي لراستهم كما يريده اعداء - ملودين ليلوع المنصر رجوة  
هذا الشعب ويعيق لؤد بديب تتخف آماله من العجز والاستمرار والندم .

واذكر الذين يتسبون وماه المسلمين ويتحصنون نفوس البراء لانما اتمهم الطائفية قبل الذي اعلم حلاله عليه الله وحيه الروح  
وان وان دامكم والبراكم وانما عليكم حرم كريمة يومكم هذا في شهركم هذا في بلادكم هذا في ايلام الفاصلة الغامض - وقوله صلى الله عليه  
والله من سعدان لا اله الا الله وان الله سبحانه يقول الله صدقتم ما وردوا اليه وصاحبه على طرد مزمل - وقوله صلى الله عليه وآله (من  
أعلن طرفه مسلم يسئل بكذبة لئن الله مزمل يوم القيامة مكتوب بين عينيه : آيس من رجوة الله) .

واخالب الذين يصدون المؤمنين العزل والوطنيين المسالين باأله اوهده الله الذين على السلام في يوم ما قوله عليه السلام اول  
العزم جودهم - ان لم يكن دين وكلمت لا تخامون العاد كوترا حزرا في يدكم وارجموا الى اصامكم ان كنتم حرا كما تصنعون .. وان اساء  
ليس طيعن جناح - ما باكم تسعدونه المسأ لا دور لهم في كل اميري من الشرح والنساء والوشال وحق طلاب العمامات وحال الصالحا  
ويومئذ الادار الحكومية ارضاء لهم ؟ ان لم يكن يروكم من ذلك دين الدعوة املا صدكم عند انسانية تطجرون في ثوبها ؟

واقر لمن يصدون بالسوء ولا يذو فخر لطنين عبر المسلمين من المسيحيين والنصابين ويحرص لها ساعد من اهل المؤمنين عقلاً عليه السلام بلده  
ان اساءه غير سادة ترضون لها باصحتن بلوقن الاصلاح واذا ارتفع خطباً سأل من اسلمكم (وان امر اسلماً مات من بعد هذا انما عاكا  
به عطفاً على كانه عسفي حديراً - ملاناً تسفهوا الى اخركم في الانسانية ومراكم في الوطن ؟

ايها العربيون الوعاذ .. ان العريج من الماكن الذي يصدو به العراق في الظور والرفضة يتسلل ضرباً من كل القراه بربوة حريمه من العراقي  
أيا كان ووقف الذنب المتسايل كاتمة المسألة - فحبيب فدلك - والى ابدان ساء الله شاك - مساهد السبلات المنخبة - اهدوا انفسكم في  
اشراج وعدلات التصير العسفي ورضها من الصور الماكنية - وقسبل - المناجور مع الكوكبة الوطنية المنخبة - مساهد العول والبناء  
على الامتات والفجوات العاقلة على اساس التسط والعدل - والسادية بين جميع اباء هذا الوطن في الفرض والاسياف - وديدا من الرضات  
السلطوية والتمك الاطافي والتهي - على امل ان يكون ذلك مفجلاً لاستنادة العربيين السيادة الكاملة على بلادهم ويعدو لعدوايهم  
فيه بالامن والاستقرار والرضى وافقدم بوجه الله تعالى وتعالى .

وقال الله العليع لماحيب ويرضى والسلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته .





## **FIFTH: A QUESTION, AMONG OTHER QUESTIONS, BY FORESIGHT, A JAPANESE MAGAZINE, TO THE OFFICE OF HIS EMINENCE,**

A question<sup>(1)</sup>:

5- Tension between followers of the main monotheist religions, i.e. Islam, Christianity, and Judaism has recently risen. How do you think this tension can be mitigated?

Bas Eidi, Japanese journalist, 14.9.2006

And the answer was:

“A: 5- All, especially the religious and spiritual leaders, must seek to establish the values of love and peaceful co-existence, on bases of observing rights and mutual respect by the followers of different religions and ideologies”.

14th Ramadhan, 1427 AH

This answer affirms the common methodology adopted in addressing those sensitive issues concerning the followers of different religions, calling them for harmony in order to achieve decent and peaceful co-existence and avoid breaches from any party. Observation of rights and mutual respect form the optimal solution that everybody must strive to achieve, in spite of the hard conditions that Iraq experiences in particular, let alone the actions, declarations and violations by those who struggle against

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(1) Declarations of Sayed Sistani on the Iraqi Issue, p. 167. among other questions, totaling six.

the peaceful living and harmony of the country. However, the SRA stood firm against all that through the views it adopted on every event by calling the nation to adhere to them, and urging the government to do its duty in maintaining public order and observing the rights of every religion, sect, or race, be it a minority or a majority, that should not be deprived of enjoying their public rights, as guaranteed by the Iraqi constitution.

## Humanitarian Impacts of Supreme Religious Authority

اسئلة صفيحة مقدمة الى ملكها سماحة آية الله العظمى السيد علي السيستاني من مجلة ( فور سايت ) اليهودية :

- ١ - بعد حسي عدة اشهر على تشكيل الحكومة برئاسة السيد جواد الملّاكي ، هل ان سماحة السيد ركني عما يقوم به رئيس الوزراء و حكومته من خطوات لا تحسن السلام الى العراق ؟
- ٢ - هل هناك حل للصراع الشيعي السني في العراق ، وما هو دور الزعامات الدينية في ذلك ؟
- ٣ - يعتقد الخبراء ان وجود الميليشيات يزيد من سوء الوضع في العراق ، ما هو الحل لفنائه لهذه المشكلة بطركم ؟
- ٤ - هل يشير سماحة السيد باقر خطير حديثه لتخصيصه ، و من جهة اخرى ؟

٥ - ازاد في الفترة الاخيرة التوتر بين الجماع القادرات القومية الرئيسية و هي الاسلام و المسيحية و اليهودية فعاً هي وبتكم لتخفيف هذا التوتر ؟

٦ - لقد سمعت القوات اللبنانية من الصفوة بمد سنتين و نصف السنة من التسلطات الانتقالية .. بهذه المناسبة اسعدوا ناس اسلككم عن انقلابكم عن اليقين ؟

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١- هم يذوقون جيدها كثيراً في هذا المجال ، ولكن ليس يستندونهم اعزاز تقدم مأمون انتم ايضاً الغزاة الذين عرفوا - هذه المسألة في العملية السياسية وتبعهم - تفرراً واحتماءً وساداتاً مبتذلةً والتمسك بالقرار الشيعي على القرارات المتعاقبة .

٢- لا يوجد صراع ديني بين الشيعة والسنة في العراق ، بل هناك أزمة سياسية ، ومن الغزاة من يراهم الصفحاً طامعاً الفصل على سياسة وحقائق واقع جديد بنزوات مختلفة جاهل عليها الآن ، وتدرسيب هذا في روح ديني احترام الدين أيضاً في التعريف الطائفي ، ويضاف الى ذلك ما رأت القادرات الشيعية يسعون في تلجيح الصراع بين الطرفين ليمشروهم اندوفاً .

٣- ونتيجة ذلك كله هو استفاد الدم من عمق الجرح والقتل في كل مكان وصيدارواح الآلاف الأشخاص وقد تسبب في تغيير ونشر اعداء كبيرة لشوق من المواطنين .

٤- ان الذريعة الدينية كانت من قول القادرات دحرورية حصر الصراع في تلك الفترة وجمع المسلمة في الرضوخ بها ، وكان لابد ان يعم ذلك بالنسبة الى كافة العديوات المسلمة لآية حجة اذنت ، وهذا يتلجج الى تارسياسي من مختلف الغزاة والذوات من حرافقة تآدره على توفير الامن والاطمأن .

٥- مما سته وادام لكم لادبتم ببطر كعداً في وقت تعدد العناصر المختلفة كبراً من الجهاد السبب العراقي .

٦- عيبان لسواي جميع ، ولصايا الزعامات الدينية والروحية - نسبتهم الجدية وانتم ايضاً الشيعي الذين طردوا عملية الحقوق والاصوات المبدلة من اتياع مختلف الاديان ولا تطقت الكفوية ، ولكن الغرض ان مساعدتهم من تصورات شيعية انما يمكن من قلبها متحبة اليهم انكار الكفرية هذا سوف كثيراً تفرض تكديس السلام والسامع الدين بين المسلمين والمسيحيين ورواديين من تصحيح العلاقات واتخاذ تدابير سياسية لتدارك ما وقع .

٧- الشعب الابائي قدم ترويعاً رادعاً في التعلب على ما حطته الحرب العالمية الثانية ، واستطاع ان يحقق قهراً ما عليه و استعداً مذهباً خلال هذه عقود ، فنعني ان نتأخر من جهة مماثلة للشعب العراقي في الريق وتقديم مساعدة الشعب لليابانيين الصديق

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## SIXTH: A STATEMENT BY THE SRA AFTER ABUSING THE HOLY QURAN BY AN AMERICAN PASTOR.

The SRA passed a special statement when Terry Jones<sup>(1)</sup>, an American Pastor, abused the Holy Quran by trying to burn copies of it, as reported by the media. The statement said<sup>(2)</sup>:

“In the name of Allah, Most Beneficent, Most Merciful. The mass media is reporting about an American pastor insisting on burning copies of the Holy Quran as an expression of his hatred for Noble Islam. This shameful behavior goes against the missions of the spiritual and religious leaderships, which require establishing the values of love, peaceful co-existence based on the observation of rights and mutual respect between the followers of different religions and ideologies. The SRA, while strongly denouncing abusing the Great Quran and affirming the need to prevent it, calls the Muslims, wherever they are located, to exercise utmost

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(1) Terry Jones, American Pastor, born 1951, planned to burn copies of the Holy Quran in a church that he controlled in the state of Florida on the anniversary of the September 11 attacks. In 2010, he published his controversial book “Islam is of the devil”. The call of this pastor provoked reactions in a number of Muslim states. Besides his repetitive calls to burn the Quran, he had other anti-Islamic activities, especially when he and his wife put signs along the high street of their church reading: “Islam is of the devil”. In addition to their TV and radio programs in which they state: “Our enemy is Islam, not terrorism”.

Please see: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Terry\\_Jones\\_\(pastor\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Terry_Jones_(pastor))

(2) Declarations of Sayed Sistani on the Iraqi Issue, p. 190.

restraint and refrain from any act that may abuse the followers of Christianity, recalling God's saying:

“O ye who believe! stand out firmly for Allah, as witnesses to fair dealing, and let not the hatred of others to you make you swerve to wrong and depart from justice. Be just: that is next to piety: and fear Allah. For Allah is well-acquainted with all that ye do”.

29th Ramadhan, 1431 AH; i.e. 9th September, 2010.

These words demonstrate how profound the wisdom that the SRA imparted on some conducts by some enemies of Islam from other religions in world countries that are densely populated by Muslims. These acts, in fact, aims at sowing the seeds of division and fighting, spreading hatred and grudge among the followers of different religions; besides, they negatively have effect on those who live in one country. Despite the heinous crime committed by that pastor who, according to his extremist thinking, believe that their enemy is Islam due to a misconception, after he had seen atrocious acts committed by some terrorists, or to show his animosity to Islam and Muslims, or due to his ignorance of the Islamic teachings, and though he belongs to a Christian school, the SRA did not bear the Christian school responsible for the action committed by that pastor, since it highlights that religion cannot be seen or evaluated by a person or few persons. Rather, it calls for maintaining peaceful co-existence and refraining from attacking Christians, for such actions are inconsistent with the Holy Islamic teachings. It also

urges not to be provoked by such extremist Christian calls and make them justifications to break the social unity of communities with different religions as is the case with Iraq.

The SRA even calls Muslims not to be driven by emotions, and refer instead to the Islamic teachings which hold no party responsible for actions other than those involved. Such behaviors must not be taken as a standard for a whole sect or an entire nation. Maintaining ourselves against being involved in sins is the best way to ensure protecting the community from perversion and enhance love, cooperation and peaceful co-existence.

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تتناول وسائل الاعلام عن قسيس امريكي اصراره على احراق نسخ من القرآن الكريم  
تفسيراً عن كرههم للدين الاسلامي الخفيف .

ان هذا التصرف المشين لا يندرج مع ماهو وظيفة العبادات الدينية والروحانية  
من تسيب قيم المحبة والتعاقب السلمي المبني على رعاية المعوق والاحترام للملأ  
بين اديان مختلف الاديان والمذاهب الفكرية .

ان الجهات المعنية في الولايات المتحدة مزعومة الى العمل على منع وقوع هذا الفعل  
الطبيعي الذي لو وقع فستكون له عواقب غير محمودة وربما انداعات خطيرة .  
ان احترام حرية التعبير عن الرأي لا يبرر بوجه السماح بشل هذه التصرفات  
المخزية التي تمثل اعتداء صارخاً على معتقدات الاخرين ومقدساتهم وتؤدي

الى خلق بيئة مناصبة لمن يد من التوتر والصراع والنف .

ان المجيبة الدينية في الوقت الذي تستكره بشدة الاعتداء على القرآن  
وتؤكد على ضرورة المنع من وقوعه تستدل على المسلمين ايضاً كانوا ان يتكلموا

يا قصى درجات ضط النفس ولا يبد منهم ما يسيء الى اديان الكائنات

المسيحية مستدركين قول الله تعالى : ( يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَوْ كُنْتُمْ

لَدُنَّ تُسَدَّرًا بِالسُّطْحِ وَلَا تَجْرُ مِنْكُمْ سِنَانٌ قَوْمٌ عَلَىٰ أَنْ لَا تَقُولُوا الْقَوْلَ الّٰهَوِ

أَمْ رَبٌّ لِّلْمَعْوَىٰ وَهُوَ اللّٰهُ إِنَّ اللّٰهَ خَبِيرٌ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ )



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## SEVENTH: SRA DIRECTIONS TO THE FIGHTERS AGAINST ISIS AFTER ACHIEVING GREAT VICTORIES.

The moral support provided by the SRA to those who answered its Fatwa of Defense to fight against ISIS and protect the sanctities was considerable<sup>(1)</sup>. The support took the form of a series of continuous actions in order to ensure continuity of victories. The most interesting issue of the SRA was the directions that includes 20 items summing up the most important things that the fighters must observe. Item (7) especially says<sup>(2)</sup>:

“Beware not to abuse non-Muslims, no matter what religion they may follow, since they are guaranteed protection by Muslims. Those who would abuse their sanctities are considered traitors and treacherous. Betrayal and treachery are the worst actions as judged by conscience and the Almighty. God says in the Quran, when talking about non-Muslims: “Allah forbids you not, with regard to those who fight you not for (your) Faith nor drive you out of your homes, from dealing kindly and justly with them: for

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(1) It is the historic Fatwa pronounced by his Eminence Sayed Ali Sistani (May God grant him long life) through his representative in Kerbala, Sheikh Abdulmahdi Karbalaee in his Friday Sermon on 14th Shaaban, 1435 AH; i.e. 13th June, 2014, when that terrorist entity took hold of Mosul and some other governorates. For more details, see: Supreme Religious Authority (SRA) & Its Role in Building the Iraqi State pp 94-113.

(2) Sayed Sistani Website: [www.sistani.org](http://www.sistani.org)



Allah loveth those who are just.”<sup>(1)</sup> More than that, a Muslim must not allow sacrilege to the beliefs of non-Muslims who live under the protection of Muslims. He should also show as much solicitude for them as he should for his family...”

22nd Rabeel Akhir, 1436 AH.

This point of the SRA directions, concerning keeping non-Muslims safe and secure is one of the SRA parameters that it has always called for. The SRA has always highlighted this point in these directions, besides in other statements; a fact that reflects the reality of the Islamic legislations. We can feel the dire warning against violating the sanctities of non-Muslims who live within the areas of battles or other areas. Not only do these directions prevent aggression against them, they also consider such actions treachery and treason for the people and their rights and a violation for the peaceful existence in a Muslim country. Following these directions means adherence to the Islamic teachings through defending their rights and stopping any aggression against them.

SRA warns the fighters that they are not allowed to punish people for being different from them in religion or belief, or attack them because they are within the towns fought or liberated, or that the ISIS terrorists or their families are from those towns, for all these conditions do not justify fighting them.

The SRA also highlights that the Islamic law stresses through the Holy Quran and narrations, the need to protect the innocent,

(3) Holy Quran, 60:8.

including the non-Muslims, and their properties. They should not, the SRA confirms, do as those criminals did in dealing with innocents and non-Muslims by adopting the policy of looting their properties and confiscating their rights, even if those criminals were the residents of those towns. Almighty God says:

“Who receiveth guidance, receiveth it for his own benefit: who goeth astray doth so to his own loss: No bearer of burdens can bear the burden of another.”<sup>(1)</sup>

And one of the Holy narrations stated that Imam Ali (as) said: “It is not permissible for a Muslim to intimidate another Muslim”<sup>(2)</sup>. In respect to the rights of non-Muslims living within the Muslim Community, Imam Sajjad (as) states: And the right of those under the protection of Islam is that you should accept from them what God has accepted from them, and fulfill what God has established for them under His protection and covenant, and entrust them to Him in what they are required to carry out, and are obliged to do. And you should judge among them with the judgments of God that He commanded for you regarding the conditions of dealing with them, and do not wrong them as long as they honor God’s covenant and fulfill their pledge. And the pledge of the Prophet, may God’s peace be upon him and his household, is a barrier since it is reported that he said: «I am the adversary of whoever oppresses one who has a treaty.»<sup>(3)</sup>

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(1) Holy Quran, 17:15.

(2) Mohammed Rishahri, Mizan Al-Hikma, 1:86.

(1) Risalat Al-Huqooq, pp 314-315.

## **EIGHTH: A WORD BY THE SRA REPRESENTATIVE, HIS EMINENCE SAYED AHMED AL-SAFI, IN A FRIDAY SERMON.**

The SRA on more than one occasion underlined the importance of protecting the rights of citizens of all communities, providing them with full services and defending them. It also instructed the fighters to return the citizens to their homes that they left because of the war against the terrorists, and that the SRA representatives should provide aids to those families. In a speech, Sayed Ahmed Al-Safi said<sup>(1)</sup>: Tens of thousands of Turkoman, Shabak, Christian citizens and of other minorities are living in hard conditions these days because they have been forced to leave their homes after the terrorists took hold of their towns and villages in Nineveh and other governorates. The efforts exerted for their convenience and mitigating their suffering are still below the standard required. The Federal Government will bear full responsibility towards the displaced people. Besides, the Government of Kurdistan and international organizations are called to pay more attention to them. These citizens must have the chance to go back to their homes after restoring peace and security in their areas. Their displacement should not be taken as a step towards demographic changes in those areas.

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(1) Friday Sermon by the SRA representative, Sayed Ahmed Al-Safi in Holy Kerbala, on 5th Ramadhan, 1435 AH, i.e. 4th July, 2014. Website of his Eminence Sayed Ali Sistani-[www.sistani.org](http://www.sistani.org)

The speech confirms the hard conditions which the Iraqis of different races and religions experience, and that they should be protected and defended against the criminal ISIS groups which committed murders, forcible migration and displacement. It is a clear approach expressed in many situations by the SRA in defending these communities.

In addressing the international and governmental authorities, the SRA was very eager to stress the need for a comprehensive solution for the suffering of these communities, and even to hold them responsible for maintaining their rights. This clearly indicates the fatherly spirit of the SRA and how it carried the pains of the Iraqi citizens without any discrimination; a feature which refers to a perfect feeling of nationalism and citizenship. It is a clear message to the whole nation to follow that and confirm the unity of the Iraqi territories, the need to maintain their entity and pluralism within them, and not to use the criminal acts of forcible migration as a pretext to uproot the characteristics of those areas, and prevent their citizens from living in peace. It also calls to help them return to their homes, and have their properties back after they were seized by ISIS under different pretexts.


  
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 إصدار مكتب سماحة السيد الموسوي دام ظلّه  
 بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم

الحمد لله رب العالمين والصلاة والسلام على خير خلقه محمد وآله الطيبين الطاهرين .

لما بعد : فليعلم المعتاولن الأعرزة الذين وقهم الله عزّ وجلّ للحضور في ساحات الجهاد وجهات القتال مع المعتسبن:

1. أن الله سبحانه وتعالى . كما نذب الي الجهاد ودعا اليه وجعله دمامة عن دعائم الدين وفصلل المجاهدين على القاطنين . فإنه حرّ اسمه حول له حدوداً وأدباً أوجبته الحكمة واقضتها الظفره ، يلزم تفقيها ومراعاتها ، فمن رعاها حق رعايتها أوجب له ما قدره من فضله وسهه من بركاته ، ومن أجل بها أخطب من أجره ولم يبلغ به أمهه .
2. فللجهاد أدبٌ عامة لا يذ من مراعاتها حتى مع عور المسلمين؛ وقد كان النبي (صلى الله عليه وآله ) يوصي بها أصحابه قبل أن يدخلهم إلى القتال ، فقد سح عن الإمام السديق ( عليه السلام ) أنه قال : ( كان رسول الله - صلى الله عليه وآله - إذا أراد أن يبعث بسرية دعام فأجلسهم بين يديه ثم يقول

## **NINTH: A WORD BY THE SRA REPRESENTATIVE, HIS EMINENCE SHEIKH ABDULMAHDI AL-KERBALAE, IN A FRIDAY SERMON.**

The SRA, through the Friday Sermon delivered at Imam Hussein's Holy Courtyard, underlined those basic principles in its call to maintain the unity of the Iraqi people with all their religions and communities, and protect them from any harm. In a sermon delivered by Sheikh Abdulmahdi Al-Karbalae<sup>(1)</sup>, the SRA said: "We made it clear, on more than one occasion, that the call to volunteer in the Iraqi military and security forces was issued with the aim to provide protection for all Iraqis, of different races and communities, and safeguard their families and sanctities from the terrorist strangers.. We emphasize to them the need to strictly adhere to the maintenance of all citizens, and not to abuse any innocent individual, regardless of his/her religion, sect, race or political doctrine. Therefore, beware of being the cause of shedding one drop of innocent blood, or vandalizing the properties of innocent people".

The discourse here is conspicuously calling to protect non-Muslims, the followers of other religions, besides Muslims, and their public and private properties. These pieces of advice were

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(1) Friday Sermon by the SRA representative, Sheikh Abdulmahdi Al-Karbalae in Holy Kerbala, on 12th Ramadhan, 1435 AH, i.e. 12th July, 2014. Website of his Eminence Sayed Ali Sistani [www.sistani.org](http://www.sistani.org)

embodied in the practical attitudes of the fighters. The SRA also supported all the citizens who sustained damages from ISIS which committed heinous crimes with their terrorist attacks, because the security of Iraqis of different religions is the responsibility of those fighters.



## **TENTH: DECLARATION OF HIS EMINENCE SAYED ALI SISTANI TO MR. BAN KI-MOON, THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY GENERAL.**

The position of his Eminence Sayed Sistani was fixed on how the SRA deals with the nation as a whole in terms of maintaining unity between the Iraqi communities, and making this unity their first concern. He affirmed that to all the delegations that had the honor to visit his Eminence, especially the United Nations ones which were in ongoing contact with his Eminence. He said in his meeting with Ban Ki-Moon, the UN Secretary General<sup>(1)</sup>: “I always call for staying away from sectarianism in discourse and in practice. Though most of the car bombs and explosive devices targeted Shia-dominated areas, I always confirmed that the Iraqi Sunnis are innocent of such crimes which are basically committed by foreign intruders. Displacing the minorities including the Shia Turkmens, Christians, and Shabak people is condemned. We did our best to provide assistance to the displaced people and migrants. The Holy Shrines institutions also did their utmost in this respect”. In spite of the vicious attacks that targeted the Shia cities and Shia religious and academic institutions causing deaths, injuries and destruction, his Eminence’s call was meant to cover the whole Iraqi people and not confined to defend the Shia community alone. He

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(1) Website of his Eminence Sayed Ali Sistani [www.sistani.org](http://www.sistani.org), The meeting of the UN Secretary General with his Eminence in Holy Najaf on 27.7.2014.



is a father for all Iraqis, who feels their sufferings and lives their daily concerns. He demands the governmental and international authorities to act in order to put an end to this. This meeting and scores of other meetings, statements and calls all confirm this fact. Therefore, the United Nations was confident of the vital step it took by getting in touch with his Eminence and listening to his views and advice because it knew for certain that he was the heavenly voice that calls for the welfare of mankind under the brutal conditions of the occupation forces and their agents.



The foregoing represents a small part of the positions expressed by the SRA in addressing the humanitarian conditions lived by the minorities in Iraq. The organizations are aware now of the fact that for their activities to be successful, they should meet the SRA and benefit from its advice and recommendations. They also knew that to be thoroughly acquainted with subject, they need extensive studies on the Fatwas, statements, meetings, declarations and visits with references to documents, photos, local and world media.

The previous papers covered ten brief positions taken by his Eminence Sayed Ali Al-Husseini Al-Sistani, the top leader of the SRA, just to mention a few of them. I have been interested in mentioning those examples to show the SRA eternal positions in defending the rights of Muslims, in general, besides Christians and other minorities, in particular.

**O' GOD, ACCEPT THIS EFFORT WITH YOUR BEST ACCEPTANCE, IN HONOR  
OF THOSE GREAT POSITIONS TAKEN FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF THE  
PRINCIPLES OF THE HOLY ISLAMIC SHARIA AND HUMANITY.**

**YOU ARE ALL-HEARING, RESPONSIVE.**

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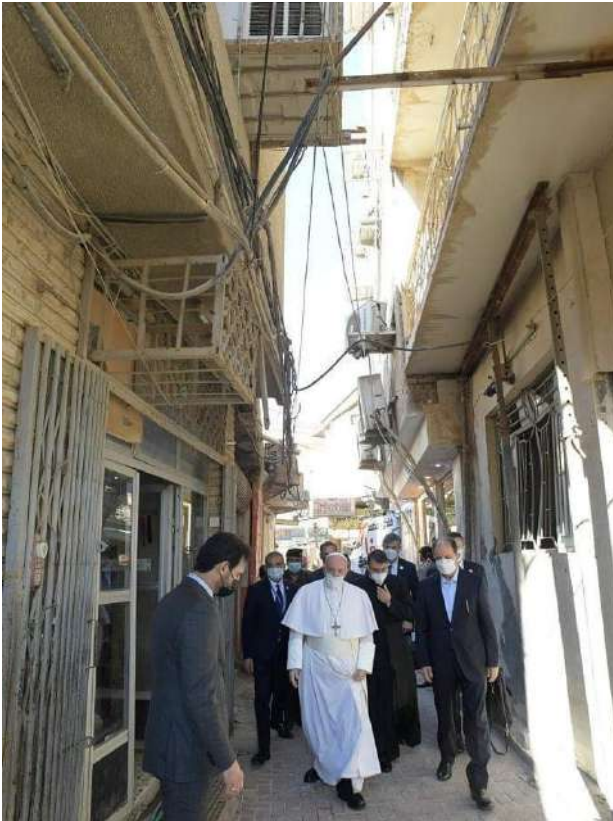
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## APPENDIX ECHOES OF THE VATICAN POPE'S VISIT AND MEETING WITH HIS EMINENCE SAYED ALI SISTANI



The Pope on his way to the house of his Eminence Sayed Ali  
Sistani, accompanied by Haj Hamid Al-Khaffaf



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A Statement issued by his Eminence's Office on his meeting with the Supreme Pontiff, the Pope of Vatican 6/3/2021

In the name of Allah, Most Beneficent, Most Merciful

This morning, His Eminence Sayyid Al-Sistani met with the Supreme Pontiff (Pope Francis), Pope of the Catholic Church and Head of State of the Vatican.

During the meeting, the discussion revolved around the great challenges that humanity faces in this era and the role of faith in God Almighty and His messages, and commitment to high moral values in overcoming them.

His Eminence talked about the injustice, oppression, poverty, religious and intellectual persecution, suppression of basic freedoms and the absence of social justice, especially the wars, acts of violence, economic blockade, displacement and so on, especially the Palestinian people in the occupied territories.

His Eminence indicated the role that the great religious and

spiritual leaders should play in curbing these tragedies, and what is hoped for by urging the concerned parties - especially those with great powers - to prioritize reason and wisdom and to reject the language of war, and not to promote their self-interest over the rights of the people to live in freedom and dignity, and stressing the importance of concerted efforts to consolidate the values of harmony, peaceful coexistence and human solidarity in all societies, based on fostering rights and mutual respect among followers of different religions and intellectual trends. His Eminence praised the status and glorious history of Iraq as well as its people from various faiths. He also expressed his hope that Iraq would surpass its current ordeal soon. He affirmed his interest in Christian citizens living like all Iraqis in peace and security while preserving all their constitutional rights. Grand Ayatollah Sistani also pointed out part of the role that the religious authority played in protecting Iraqis and all those who had suffered injustice and harm in the incidents of past years, especially during the period during which the terrorists seized vast areas in several Iraqi provinces where they carried out criminal acts there. His Eminence wished the Supreme Pontiff, the followers of the Catholic Church, and the general public of humanity good and happiness, and thanked him for making the effort to travel to Najaf to make this visit.

21 Rajab 1442 A.H.

The Office of Al-Sayyid Al-Sistani The Holy City of Najaf



Declaration of the Pope when he was on board, leaving Iraq, as published in media, answering the journalists who asked about his visit to Iraq and Sayed Sistani

I promised to visit Lebanon, but Lebanon at the moment is in crisis. I don't want to offend, but it is in risk of its life. Lebanon is very generous.

I think it was a universal message. I felt the duty in this pilgrimage of faith and penitence to go and meet a great man, a great sage, a man of God. When you listen to him [Ayatollah Ali Al Sistani] you can perceive this.

And speaking of messages, I would say it is a message for everyone. it is a message for everyone. He is a person who has wisdom and prudence.

He said to me it has been 10 years that I have not received people



who come to visit me with political objectives. I met only those with religious objectives. He was very respectful, very respectful in our meeting that I felt honored. He is a humble and wise man. That meeting did my soul good. It is a light.

In Mosul, I said in passing that which I felt. I stopped in front of the destroyed church and I just didn't have any words. It is something you cannot believe. You can't believe it. Not only one church, but also other churches and a mosque that was destroyed, you can see they [ISIS] did not get on with the people of this place. It is just unbelievable our human cruelty.



Translation:

Mar Bashar Matti Warda, the Chaldean Archbishop in Erbil:  
The meeting of the Pope Francis with Senior Religious leader Sayed Ali Sistani was due to the position of the city Najaf and in order to affirm the human commonalities, besides the position of the SRA and its respected attitudes during the recent years, which were praised worldwide. The common characteristics that we both share surpass any doctrinal differences.

Italian Press: The Pope describes Sayed Sistani as a man of light and a “Saint” regardless of his religion. The title “Saint” has never been granted by the Pope to any non-Christian person. It is not easy even for Christians themselves to get this title. The last Pope who got this title was Giovanni.



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**Il Papa in Iraq, la storica visita all'ayatollah al-Sistani**



**Il suo viaggio ha avuto**

**... dare in Iraq è stato  
... ne rivivere”**

**... Francesco nell'intervista sull'  
... scrive la commozione per la  
... nna che ha perso il figlio e  
... donato gli assassini dell'Isi  
... ogo con l'islam? «Non è un  
... riccio»**



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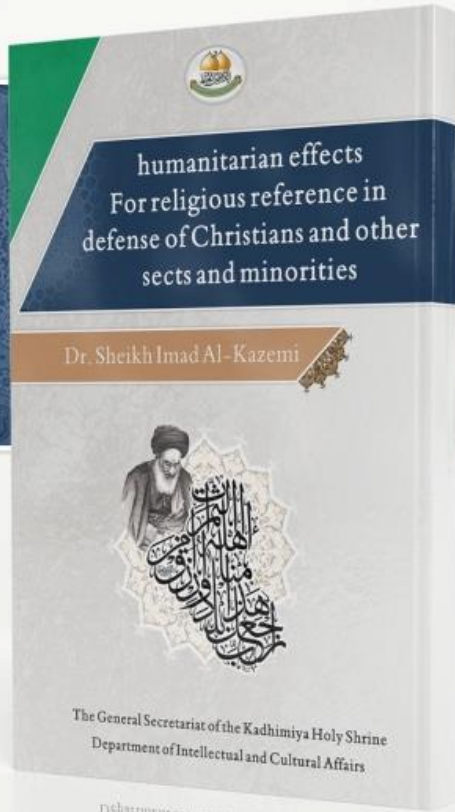


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