

Grand Ayatollah Sayyid al-Hakeem receives the French Foreign Minister and his team in his office in al-Najaf al-Ashraf

His Eminence Grand Ayatollah Sayyid Muhammad Saeed al-Hakeem received the French Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Jean-Yves Le Drian, with his team, on Tuesday 15 January 2019.

The Minister praised the stand that the Iraqi citizens have taken and the sacrifices they have made against the terrorists Daesh that targeted Iraq and other nations including France. He also expressed his appreciation of the role of the Shiite religious leadership – the Marji'yya – in al-Najaf al-Ashraf in spreading the culture of moderation and co existence amongst the various groups that exist in Iraq.

His Eminence explained that the stance of the Marji'iyya has come from the school of the Ahlulbait (peace be upon them) which is based on logic, wisdom, moderation, and this school represents the true teachings of Islam which the Holy Prophet (peace be upon him and his progeny) came to deliver.

His Eminence presented various examples of the stance of the Ahlulbait (peace be upon them) in solving the problems of extremism and terrorism.