

Cons. Dr. Ali Abd El-Wahid News Meeting with Iraqi TV about Iraq Donor Conference

Reporter: This is one of the significant conferences for the Iraqis to witness the international, territorial and Arab Support. First, we would like to explain to us the importance of this conference for the Arab and for Iraq in particular.

Dr. Ali: I believe that the conference is considered one of the significant conferences to be held after the Second World War and such importance is similar to Bretton Woods' conference held after the Second World War, aimed to reorganize the international economic system and compensate the countries affected by the war. The conference has succeeded in setting up the international economic system which established International Monetary Fund (IMF) and International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD).

In fact, when we move to talk about the Iraq Donors Conference, we find that it is very important for the states to reconsider its commitments towards Iraq. As I said before, the Arab commitments come in the first place. Based on this principle, was the Iraq Neighboring Countries Conference that laid down the Document, among of which was to implement the international agreements whether on the territorial spectrum of the neighboring countries or to effectuate international agreements such as Paris Club on debt relief.

So, we are in front of connected system of international agreements and treaties which originated from this significant conference that considered as annual event which should activate these agreements towards supporting Iraq and Iraqis as a compensation for their sufferings in the past.

Reporter: Dr. Ali, at May of the last year, the Iraq's International Compact was held in Sharm El-Sheikh... Since this time till now... do you think that there were international support? Were the points agreed upon in this conference have been implemented? The committees resulted upon this conference of the last year...and there were commitments from Iraq towards the International Community and vice versa... Do you think that these agreements and the points agreed upon

have been implemented on the ground and the Arab commitments have been met towards Iraq?

Dr. Ali: Let me discuss the matter from the legal point of view, which I am specialist

And not from the economic, security, or the political stand point, even though I believe that the law always should deal with all trends whether the political, security or the economic side as it all are organized within legal frame.

Iraq International Compact, the first to be held, set the basic principles of the Compact Document; I called it Document because it is a Document from the International Community to the Iraq and Iraqi people of reconstruction.

The first conference has succeeded in relieving Iraq from some of its debts, which generated as a result of several consecutive wars, as well as it reached to restrict some of war reparations' burden, which ruled by the International Committee of the United Nations on war reparations to those affected by Iraq former wars.

I notice that there was success to some extent in the commitment of the international community, represented in Sharm El-Sheikh conference in the past year and I also witness that there are some or many, let me say many achievements on the ground inside Iraq that certify the credibility of Iraq's implementation of its commitments. Any document or conference aims to set reciprocal rights and obligations from the donor and supporting countries in return to the commitments of the country receiving such support. In this respect I notice equality to a large extent in achieving these commitments, but the matter also needs other leap and speed up in the performance.