



(Between Holiness and the Opening of WAFF Championship) in a Talking Point among RCD's Members

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The opening of WAFF championship in the holy city of Karbala and its musical events made a wide controversy on the social media in Iraq and inside the political and religious circles and the civilian currents.

Some pointed out that the celebration included events that are away from public decency, upon which judicial proceedings were made, especially against the Iraqi Federation, while others see that the topic has taken a large part of discussion and went farther.

In this context, RCD's members expressed their visions through a discussion about this topic. Among the interlocutors were the following:

1. Dr. Basel Hussein | Researcher at Iraqi Center for Strategic Studies
2. Dr. Abbas Kazem | Advisor to Atlantic Council
3. Sheikh Mohammed al-Kerbasi | Professor at Scientific Hawza
4. Mr. Ammar al-Shaher | Writer, Journalist and Member of RCD's Board of Directors
5. Mr. Ammar al-Shaherstani | Researcher and Writer
6. Dr. Raauf al-Ansari | Head of Iraqi Advisory Commission for Construction and Development
7. Mr. Hashem al-Musawi | Member of Former Iraqi Parliament

The dialogue included the following:-

Sheikh Mohammed al-Kerbasi:

His Grace quoted what was mentioned in the press release of the General Secretary of Islamic Dawa party, which states: "we deeply deplore what happened in the stadium of the holy province of Karbala during the opening of WAFF, which was combined with a dancing musical celebration that exceeded the inviolability of the city and the holiness of the city of Imam Hussein, peace be upon him.

