

# Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

The public media as bridge between people and government has a significant role. Although the rule of press justifies and directs of their activities, in the current circumstances, it is important that the media must ban or restrict broadcasting those materials which deteriorate the morale of the public, cause security problems and which are against the national interest. The following must be banned or restricted:

- Publication and broadcasting of provocative statements of armed organizations and terrorist groups.
- Broadcasting and publications of reports which cause irritation, any exaggerated reports against national unity, or against peace throughout the country and those report that cause intolerance of language, religious, ethnic and local diversities.
- Conducting interviews with high ranking well known commanders of terrorist groups those who have participated in armed conflict against the government, and filming or photographing them, and broadcasting or publication of those reports that have been prepared in the favor of and in order to bolster the morale of the enemies of peace and security.
- News of terrorist activities must not come as the lead story of the news.
- Those materials that deteriorate people's morale and cause disappointment to them, and publication and broadcasting of gossip and rumors which are against the security and welfare of society.
- Broadcasting and publications of religious decrees of terrorists and enemies that are against the tranquility of the people.
- Negative propaganda, interviews and reports which are provocative or slanderous and which are against the presence (in Afghanistan) of the international coalition forces and ISAF.
- Broadcasting and publication of any views of the people's enemies who want to represent that Islamic Republic of Afghanistan is not Islamic, or combating terrorism is a kin to combating Islam.

- Those reports that aim to represent that the fighting spirit in Afghanistan's armed forces is weak.
- Broadcasting and publication of provocative articles which are against the Mujahideen and call them "warlords" and those which call technocrats as "Westernized" and subjects of this nature which create division and conflict.
- Broadcasting reports, subjects, articles and discussions which endanger territorial independence, territorial unity and national sovereignty of the state.
- Avoidance or abstinence from exaggeration of accidents and terrorist acts.
- Reports relating to riots and violence which are provocative should not be published and violence should be condemned.
- Broadcasting and publication of programs and subject matters which are against the morals, religious and accepted customs of the public which provoke people and cause security problems.
- The use of titles of respect such as warriors, resistance, peace keepers etc should not be used to describe terrorists and killers.
- Broadcasting and publication of interviews and reports that are inaccurate, undocumented, harsh and slanderous which are defamatory specifically against important figures, and in accordance with article 2 provision 33 of the Press Laws are forbidden.
- Live reports from meetings and ceremonies that disclose confidential governmental and military secrets and cause a deterioration of relations among three branches of state and results in reduction of the prestige of the government and parliament.
- Broadcasting and publication of those reports and interviews that are against the government's foreign policy in regard to neighboring countries that puts the government in conflict with neighboring countries.

In the following cases, we ask cooperation of mass media.

- Improvement in the method of news, sentences and words used in news of incidents related to the armed forces.
- Disclosure of the real face of terrorists and their isolation from the people.
- Dissemination of the spirit of resistance and the bravery of the armed forces in the capital and provinces and particularly, in the country's border areas.
- Disclosure of the propaganda of the enemy of peace and security and adopting a defensive policy against this type propaganda.
- Dissemination of reports by the media relating to activities of terrorists which are inhumane, and which uncover and disclose their criminal activities.
- Strengthening of relations and improvement of cooperation between public relations and spokespersons and the media.

In observing and executing the above, according to directions of the leaders of the government, we want the cooperation of all media organizations and their responsible personnel.

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