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In the Name of Allah, the Most Merciful, the Most Compassionate

Decree Issued by Amirul-Momenin May Allah protect him on Women's Rights

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The Islamic Emirate's leadership directs all relevant organizations, religious scholars, and tribal elders to take serious action to preserve the following women's rights.

- 1) Adult women's consent is necessary during Nikah/marriage. (Though, both should be equal with no risk of sedition.) No one can force women to marry by coercion or pressure.
- 2) A woman is not property but rather a noble and free human being. No one can give her to anyone in exchange for a peace deal or end animosity.
- 3) After the husband's death, whenever the 'Sharia iddah (four months and ten nights or giving birth in the case of pregnancy) passes, neither her brother-in-law nor anyone else can marry a widow by force. A widow is free to marry and determine her future (though the principle of equality and preventing sedition should be considered).
- 4) It is the Sharia right of a widow to obtain a dowry (Mahr) from her new husband.
- 5) A widow has the right to inherit a fixed share in the property of her husband, children, father, and relatives, and no one can deprive a widow of her right to inherit.
- 6) Those with several wives (more than one wife) are obliged to respect the rights of all wives per Sharia law and maintain justice among them.

For proper implementation of this decree, below organizations and ministries are instructed to take the following measures:

- The Ministry of Hajj and Religious Affairs is instructed to encourage religious scholars to make people aware of women's rights through their preaching and

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sermons that oppressing women and depriving them of their rights will cause Allah's dissatisfaction and His torment and anger.

- The Ministry of Information and Culture is instructed to publish articles related to women's rights through its means in written and audio formats as well as encourage writers and activists to publish helpful articles and booklets on women's rights to attract the attention of religious scholars (Ulema), make people aware about women's Sharia rights and prevent the ongoing oppression against women.
- The Supreme Court must issue instructions to all courts to consider the petitions of women, specifically widows, to preserve their Sharia rights in a proper and principled manner in order not to disappoint
- Provincial and district governors must cooperate comprehensively with the mentioned ministries and the Supreme Court in implementing this decree.

Wa Salam

Amirul Momenin Sheikh ul Quran wal Hadith

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