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Instructions of H.E. Amirul Momenin “May Allah protect him,” on having shoulder-length hair.

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Some Mujahideen are seen with long hair, which is against the Sunnah. There are three types of Sunnah in hair: Wafara (up to the ears), Juma (up to the shoulders), and Lemeh (between the ears and shoulders). Some people's hair hangs below the shoulders, which can cause a security risk, and it is also against Article (81) of the Mujahideen Bill. Article (81): Mujahideen, in the framework of Sharia, have to adjust their appearance, such as hair, clothes, shoes, etc., similar to the local people. This, on the one hand, is good for the security of the Mujahideen and the local people, and on the other hand, the Mujahideen will be able to travel around easily.

Therefore, the Military Commission should inform the Mujahideen in a principled and effective way to adjust their hair according to the Sunnah.

According to Article (6) of the Second Chapter of the Procedure for Propagation of Virtue and the Prevention of Vice, the Invitation and Guidance Commission have to advise the violators and prohibit them from this practice well and suitably.

In order for the Mujahideen to fully understand this issue, they should be educated that they have to follow the holly Sunnah and that long hair should be cut for the following reasons:

1. This (long hair to shoulder) opposes the Sunnah, resulting in the removal of divine blessings.
2. It is the likeness to women that is considered a curse.
3. It causes a large number of people to criticize that Mujahideen and the Taliban do not care that their hair is against the Sunnah.
4. Excessively long hair has no other effect on society except for awe and fear in society. Today, the war with the infidels is with big weapons and from a long distance, not up close and face-to-face, so the enemy is intimidated by it.
5. Mujahideen are much engaged in Jihadi affairs, and the Taliban in academic affairs as this hair needs much attention and protection. Taking care of the long hair causes a waste of time; otherwise, most of the time, Mujahideen will resemble drug addicts.
6. It causes undue pride and arrogance, which is a dangerous sin in this world and the hereafter.

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7. Sometimes, it also happens that Mujahideen with long hair wash their hair, oil, and comb them at the edge of the rivers and water springs; this is while, according to the local custom, women usually take water from rivers and springs or wash the clothes there.
8. The Mujahideen are being chased by the enemy, and because of having such hair, they are identified by spies, so there is a security risk for them.

The Central Dar-ul-Efta of the Islamic Emirate, quoting the hadiths and sayings of numerous and reliable jurists, has written in the issued Fetwa dated (08/May/2019) and number (180) on hair longer than the shoulders: (...the hair longer than the shoulder does not relate to Sunnah; therefore, it should be avoided, mainly because it causes the above immoralities...)

Wa Salaam,

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