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## Instructions of His Highness Amir al-Momin

## preventing unnecessary and worthless accusations against the officials and employees of the Islamic Emirate

According to Islamic guidelines, it is not permissible to make false accusations against officials and criticize them far from reality. Spreading gossip and rumors has no place in Islam because it causes hatred among Muslims, destroys their faith, and weakens their efforts.

Almighty Allah says: "Do not follow what you have no 'sure' knowledge of. Indeed, all will be called to account for 'their' hearing, sight, and intellect" (Sura Al-Isra, V. 36). In this regard, the Prophet said: For a person to be considered a liar, it is enough for him to narrate everything he heard. Such negative propaganda leads to chaos in society and is unknowingly cooperation with enemies.

The Prophet said: "Whoever believes in Allah and the Last Day should speak what is good or keep silent."

The Prophet says in another hadith: "It is a bad riding-beast for a man (to say) za'ama (they asserted" (Sunan Abi Dawood, 4972). According to the Islamic point of view, this act is subject to punishment. Islamic jurists say in this regard: Assault and harassment of public servants (government employees) and those assigned to public service is punishable. According to Islamic jurists, the acts such as insulting Ulema (Islamic scholars) and government employees, which is not appropriate to them, whether it is by gesture, speech/word, or any other means, have been mentioned as examples of punishable acts. Also, touching soldiers, tearing their clothes/uniforms, or insulting them are punishable. If clothes/uniforms are torn, their price must be taken from the offender. Likewise, insulting the court judges and disrupting the judicial sessions are punishable acts; but forgiveness is better.

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