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

**Decree of His Excellency Amirul Momenin, May Allah protect him,
on Prisoners of War (POWs)**

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To: All the respectable Mujahideen of the Islamic Emirate!

May Peace, Mercy, and Blessings of Allah Almighty be on all of you!

As you know, our Jihadi (armed) struggle's goal is to please Allah Almighty and exalt the word of Allah, so we are obliged to refrain from trespassing commands of the Islamic Shariya and disobedience of the Leader (Emir).

Recently, incidents of capturing prisoners of war and then arbitrarily torturing and inappropriately punishing and even killing them have surfaced in various parts of the country, with the General Directorate of Courts of the Islamic Emirate or Leadership had not been involved.

Such an act contradicts the Shariya and the Islamic Emirate rules, as there is a commandment of the Shariya which states in connection with a criminal, even if the criminal is dangerous, his/her status changes after he/she is arrested. All matters related to sentencing and punishing them are delegated to the Emir or his deputy. Except for what is mentioned here, no one shall have the right to punish or pardon him/her.

A by-law of the Islamic Emirate contains unambiguous articles on this matter: (Articles 9 through 16 of the chapter on Prisoners from Part 2 of the By-Law offer in-depth details on this matter...). Similarly, photographing the execution scene, too, has been prohibited by the law in, which regards Article 21 of the By-Law orders as such: **Article 21:** Where a criminal who legally merits to be executed and is ordered to be executed, he/she, whether he/she is a spy or any other criminal, shall be executed using a gun and the photography of the execution is forbidden.

Henceforth, all Mujahideen are directed that such incidents must not be repeated, which contract our policy of Jihad and is disobedience of the Emir. Mujahideen should seriously pay attention to this matter.

Regards,

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