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**Sheikh Muhammad Khalid: The Islamic Emirate wants to interact with
the world based on accepted principles**

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Sheikh Muhammad Khalid Hanafi, Acting Minister of Vice and Virtue and Complaints Hearing, traveled to Maidan Wardak province to meet religious scholars and residents. In a large public gathering where the governor of this province, the provincial heads of religious scholars' councils, influential people, and residents of this province were present, Hanafi stated, "By making some propaganda, the enemies are trying to show the activities of the vice and virtue officers (Muhtasebeen) unrealistic while no cases of harassment and violation of the law have been registered against them.

In this meeting, the Acting Minister of Vice and Virtue said that the occupiers encouraged our sisters in the last 20 years to leave the Hijab (do not wear Hijab). They introduced it as freedom to the people, while real freedom is observing the Islamic Hijab.

Mohammad Khalid said: "This ministry has assigned prominent scholars as vice and virtue officers in 34 provinces, and the enemies are trying to influence the activities of the vice and virtue officers by making propaganda, while no cases have been registered that they have committed against the policy of the Ministry of Vice and Virtues during the past few months.

The Acting Minister of Vice and Virtue asked all the government officials of this province to act based on the decrees of Amir al Momenin and not spend the government budget, which is public property, on personal and unnecessary work.

He said: Now the time of oppression and abuse of the position has been over. For this purpose, the Deputy Ministry of Complaints Hearing has been established in the structure of the Ministry of Vice and Virtue to address the people's complaints and work in this regard. They have full authority to assess the people's complaints with complete impartiality. If anyone misuses the name of the Islamic Emirate, they will be prosecuted in whatever position and status they are.

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The Acting Minister of Vice and Virtue advised the vice and virtues officers to correct people's minds their priority, take their steps carefully in this regard and consider moderation in their work. He emphasized that no Vice and Virtue officer is allowed to search and violate citizens' privacy and use force to implement the decrees of this ministry because all the instructions related to campaigning against the prohibitions are mentioned in the ministry's procedures.

The Acting Minister of the Vice and Virtues asked all soldiers (Mujahideen) to prepare their faces and behaviors according to the Sunnah, and those Mujahideen whose visible hairs are contrary to the Sunnah will not be registered in their respective ministry. This order applies to all military officials.

He clearly instructed the Vice and Virtue officers not to interfere in matters that are not related to them and to act based on the divine law and Prophet Mohammad (PBUH) Sunnah.

Sheikh Khalid appreciated the progress of activities done by the vice and virtue officers and mentioned that now our sisters in the cities have observed 99 percent of the Islamic Hijab, and vice and virtue officers are trying to reform the remaining one percent as well.

The Acting Minister of the Vice and Virtues said: The Islamic Emirate wants to interact with the world based on mutual respect, not in the way some countries want. He asked all government officials, especially the governor of this province, to cooperate with the vice and virtue officers in implementing Sharia orders because this is one of the wishes of martyrs to implement vice and virtue in society. In this gathering, Maulavi Mohammad Amin Omari, the governor of Maidan Wardak Province, assured the implementation of the directions of the Ministry of Vice and Virtue in the respective entities under his supervision and emphasized that he would reform the faces and behaviors of the military personnel according to Sunnah.

A prayer for the martyrs' souls and good wishes from the governor concluded the meeting.