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To the Respectable Deputy of Education!

Peace be upon you and God's mercy and blessings!

According to the Ministry of Education, girls' schools for grades above sixth are suspended until further notice. However, in some provinces, girls' religious madrasahs and schools for grades one to six have been closed to female students by local authorities. In light of this, please note that following the issuance of this letter, women's madrasahs are fully permitted to operate, and girls from grades one to six may attend schools and educational courses.

Additionally, for classes below the sixth grade offered by organizations licensed by the Ministry of Education, female students may attend their studies, and female teachers may continue their jobs with complete confidence, provided they adhere to the Sharia hijab.

If any issues arise due to local authorities, the problem should be formally addressed and communicated to the relevant departments within the Ministry of Education.

Regards!

Alhaj Mawlawi Habib Agha

The Acting Minister of the Ministry of Education

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