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**Decree of Amirul-Momenin, Sheikh al Qur'an, and Hadith, Mawlawi Hebatullah Akhundzada, may Allah protect him regarding assigning the authority to pursue and arrest the kidnappers to the Ministry of Interior**

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In the name of Allah, the most gracious, the most merciful

Praise be to Allah, Lord of the Worlds, and may blessings and peace be upon the Master of the Prophets and Messengers, his family, and companions.

**Article One:**

1. The authority to pursue and arrest kidnappers, previously held by the General Directorate of Intelligence, has been transferred to the Ministry of Interior.
2. The Ministry of Interior is mandated to undertake actions for the pursuit and arrest of kidnappers and to take necessary measures to present them to the relevant court.

**Article Two:**

1. When the General Directorate of Intelligence obtains information about kidnappers, it is required to share this information promptly with the Ministry of Interior.
2. The information specified in clause (1) of this article must be shared securely and confidentially to prevent disclosure.

**Article Three:**

1. The Ministry of Interior may request information and cooperation from the General Directorate of Intelligence regarding the pursuit and arrest of kidnappers.
2. The General Directorate of Intelligence is required to share any information it obtains about kidnappers with the Ministry of Interior.
3. The information mentioned in clauses (1) and (2) of this article must be shared in a manner that is secure and confidential to prevent disclosure.

**Article Four:** If any employees or officials of the Ministry of Interior or the General Directorate of Intelligence receive information about kidnappers and disclose it to parties other than the relevant authorities of the Ministry of Interior and the General

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Directorate of Intelligence or misuse it, they shall be subject to punishment in accordance with Sharia provisions.

**Article Five:** This decree shall come into effect from the date of endorsement and shall be published in the official gazette.

Regards,

Amirul Momenin, Sheikh al Qur'an and Hadith, Mawlawi Hebatullah Akhundzada