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**Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan**  
**Ministry of Promoting Virtue, Preventing Evil, Summoning and**  
**Hearing Complaints**

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### **Required Guidelines**

Promoting Virtue and Preventing Evil is a vital, Islamic, academic and complicated matter and, after 20 years of occupation, reforming the society calls for an extraordinary skillfulness, prudence and wisdom. Therefore, the following points were deemed necessary to be applied:

1. From the perspective of the Islamic Shariyah, everybody is entitled to his/her own privacy and, except in rare exceptional cases, no one can breach privacy of anybody else such as house, mobile phone and electronic devices.  
Therefore, searching of shops, halls, hotels and public baths (*Hamaams*) of people without instructions from the judicial and security agencies is prohibited. No individual can intrude the places mentioned above for preventing evils in the name of officials of the Ministry of Promoting Virtue and Preventing Evil and/or employee of any other institutions. However, officials of Promoting Virtue and Preventing Evil may, based on their procedures, oversee activities of the people.
2. Carrying out Promoting Virtue and Preventing Evil at the IEA ministries, directorates and other institutions is the duty of the Ministry of Promoting Virtue and Preventing Evil and is performed in coordination and collaboration with the said institutions. No one is allowed to interfere in affairs of a governmental agency and take unauthorized actions.
3. Promoting Virtue and Preventing Evil is the religious duty of every individual. However, in order that the duty of Promoting Virtue and Preventing Evil is carried out efficiently, it is prudent that only those who are mandated officially with the responsibilities by the ministry of Promoting Virtue and Preventing Evil, are equipped with necessary education and training in this regard and are cognizant of all aspects and interests of this crucial duty, should carry out this task.
4. With the formation of Emirate and making governmental institutions operational in a short time after conquests, some media outlets are attempting to engage in negative propaganda against the Emirate and produce content for their propaganda, we implore them to avoid opposing this divine commandment, and, on the other side, it is also incumbent upon the authorities of the Promoting Virtue to carry out their duties in the light of their determined procedures adopting an approach and strategy in issuing these religious and

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moral instructions where their guidelines and actions could not be negatively portrayed.

5. Authorities of the Promoting Virtue and Preventing Evil, and all Mujahideen of the Islamic Emirate as a whole should refrain from unauthorized recording and publishing of pictures and videos which either portray meetings among themselves, or reveal military and security secrets and confidential locations and/or are about a matter so insignificant the broadcasting of which publicly is a matter against the good and/or is for pretention and is deemed unnecessary.

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