

*[Taliban claims responsibility for Tolo TV attack.
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Remarks of spokesman of the Islamic Emirate concerning the Attack On the Tolo Intelligence Network

Yesterday the Military Commission of Islamic Emirate made good on its promise of targeting Tolo TV, the country's largest network for promoting obscenity, irreligiosity, foreign culture and nudity.

The Islamic Emirate wants to clarify that the attack on Tolo was not an attack on the media but on an intelligence network opposing our national unity and our religious and national values. We want to reassure all impartial media outlets. They must not unintentionally compare themselves with Tolo and should withhold from making unwarranted assertions because they cannot harm us.

The Islamic Emirate seeks and has resolved its problems with the media through logic and dialogue. However Tolo did not understand logic, neither did it abide by ethics of journalism nor did it have good conduct. Most of its workers were anti-Jihad and anti-Islam elements trained by foreign intelligence toiling for the Americans for the past many years.

The condemnations by the US embassy, Ashraf Ghani, Abdullah, Dostum and other insignificant figures and organizations can never break our resolve and neither will propaganda and media warnings change our path. Instead of making irresponsible and thoughtless declarations and decisions, everyone should discern their responsibilities.