

*[Taliban threat against Tolo TV 1TV,
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Statement from the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan Concerning the Intelligence TV Networks of Tolo and 1 TV

It is known to everyone that alongside the military invasion of Afghanistan by America, its intelligence apparatus simultaneously launched propaganda war during the course of which many so called free media channels were propped up that are still being directly funded by the American embassy. Its programs are presented as propaganda material aimed at supporting the American invaders and their stooges, combatting Jihad and struggle of the valiant Afghan nation, challenging Islamic principles and encouraging the division of national unity of the country.

Tolo and 1 TV channels are spearheads among these propaganda networks tasked with promoting the intellectual, cultural and information invasion of the infidels in Afghanistan. These networks with the complete backing of the Americans ridicule our religious and cultural norms, encourage obscenity and lewdness, inject the minds of youth with dangerous substances such as irreligiousness, immorality, violence, gambling, intermixing and profanity and specifically spread propaganda filled with hate and open enmity against Jihad and Mujahideen.

The clear shameless example of propaganda by these satanic networks is a report which they published claiming that on the fourth day following Eid ul Adha when the Mujahideen of Islamic Emirate captured Kunduz city, they (may Allah forbid) attacked a female hostel and violated the honor its students.

These television networks continually published this fabricated report despite the fact that the citizens of Kunduz city have strongly rejected these claims while bearing witness in front of Allah Almighty that all the educational facilities of Afghanistan including the female hostel in Kunduz were closed for holidays and there was no one present.

The religious people of Kunduz and entire Afghanistan are of the belief that the Mujahideen of Islamic Emirate are vanguards of the honor of the people. However intelligence and obscenity propagating networks such as Tolo and 1 TV channels want to disrespect, dishonor and present this nation as lewd. They want to harm the honor and prestige of this nation with such open lies which can easily be discerned by all.

The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan from now onwards does not recognize Tolo and 1 TV channels as media outlets but designates them as military objectives due to their disrespectful and hostile actions towards the Afghan Mujahid nation.

Henceforth no employee, anchor, office, news team and reporter of these TV channels holds any immunity. The Military Commission of Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan orders all its Mujahideen take a decisive stand against these two satanic channels. Hereafter all the reporters and associates of these channels will be deemed enemy personnel, all of their centers, offices and dispatched teams will be considered military objectives which will be directly eliminated. Our demand from those associating with these channels is that they stay away from their offices and reporters and to end all contacts with them. People should stop visiting the main offices and branches of these channels, cease participating in its programs and bar all its reporters from entering their homes. Intellectuals should stop partaking in its news reports and the Muslim nation should generally quit watching and strongly boycott them.

The Military Commission of the Islamic Emirate holds utmost respect for independent and impartial news outlets and exerts efforts to provide a safe atmosphere for their work. However those outlets which are bent on enmity towards our religion and country, spreading poisonous lies instead of news and are overall harmful rather than beneficial for our country and the people then the Mujahideen will also take a decisive stance against them.