

ANNEX A – TABLE OF TALIBAN DECREES

<u>No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Text or Summary of the Decree</u>
Decree 1	13 Aug. 2021	To eradicate ignorance, irreligiosity, and social problems among young people, the Islamic Emirate calls upon all people, especially tribal leaders, community elders, and mosque imams, to compile a list of unmarried and widowed women between the ages of 15 and 45 years old in their respective provinces. These lists should be submitted to the Cultural Commission of the Mujahideen of the Islamic Emirate. By the grace of Allah, these sisters will be married to mujahideen, with the aim of imparting authentic Islamic teachings and embracing complete Islam. They will then be transferred to ministerial areas and Islamic schools for further education.
Decree 2	8 Sept. 2021	Following the women's protests and demonstrations against the Taliban, the Ministry of Interior Affairs of the Taliban and their spokesperson issued a statement prohibiting any demonstrations and marches that have not obtained permission from the responsible authorities. The statement emphasizes that organizers of protests and marches must obtain permission from the Ministry of Justice and relevant authorities, and slogans and protest messages must be approved.
Decree 3	12 Sept. 2021	Notice to all state and private schools, official schools, and religious institutions of the country: 1. As previously informed regarding the start of the educational process up to the sixth grade in all schools and official schools, and in continuation of the gradual commencement of the educational process, all primary schools, high schools, and official male schools are hereby notified to start their educational activities from the 27th of Sunbula, which is Sunday (18th of September). Therefore, all male teachers and students must attend their schools. 2. All provinces and relevant officials should take the necessary actions in this regard.

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Decree 4	16 Sept. 2021	The mayor of Kabul, has instructed female employees in the Kabul municipality to stay at home and not attend their duties. In the Kabul municipality, 3,000 women were employed to carry out their duties. Hamdullah Nomanithe Mayor of Kabul
Decree 5	21 Sept. 2021	Zabihullah Mujahid, Deputy Minister of Information and spokesman for the Taliban, announced at a press conference that female employees working in government offices should stay at home.
Decree 6	29 Sept. 2021	A member of the Taliban, in a conversation on Tolo TV, announced the specific conditions set by the Taliban for women's attire. He stated that foreigners have created high-heeled shoes to provoke young people, and the sound of those heels attracts the attention of men. According to this Taliban member, women's clothing should not be attractive in color and should not emit a pleasant fragrance when they leave their homes.
Decree 7	18 Oct. 2021	To the authorities of the Intelligence Department of Balkh Province! Number: 22 Date: 2021-10-18 Subject: Arrest and punishment of certain individuals who have acted against and continue to act against the laws of the Islamic Emirate. According to the decision of the Islamic Emirate of Balkh, a number of individuals, whose list has been previously published, should be arrested and punished for their actions and activities against the Islamic Emirate. Some of these individuals have fled the country, while

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		others are still within the country. The intelligence authorities of the Islamic Emirate are instructed to seriously identify and arrest these individuals. Additionally, the city patrol authorities and the checkpoints at the exits of Mazar-i-Sharif are instructed to pay serious attention to identifying and arresting these individuals.
Decree 8	22 Nov. 2021	Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan Ministry of Promotion of Virtue and Prevention of Vice, Complaints Division. 1) Television series must not depict anything contrary to the principles of Sharia and Afghan values. 2) Foreign and domestic films that promote Western culture and ideologies and lead to moral corruption should not be broadcast. 3) Comedy and entertainment programs should not cross the boundaries of respect and dignity. 4) Blasphemy and disrespect must not be tolerated in broadcasts, whether related to religious sermons or human dignity. 5) Films and videos should not be broadcasted if they depict women's bodies that are not fully covered. 6) Female news anchors should observe the mandated Sharia Hijab. 7) TV shows and serials featuring female actresses should not be broadcasted. 8) Serials depicting prophets or esteemed companions and presenting them in a distorted manner are strictly prohibited from being broadcast.

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Decree 9	9 Dec. 2021	The Taliban Minister of Higher Education addressed journalists at a press conference, outlining a new university policy. This policy mandates gender segregation, requiring adherence to new Islamic dress codes. Co-education of boys and girls will be prohibited. The Minister also stressed the importance of revising the curriculum. To address the potential lack of female teachers for female students, the policy allows for alternative instruction methods. These methods include female instructors teaching from behind a curtain or utilizing remote technology.
Decree 10	26 Dec. 2021	The Taliban's Ministry for the Promotion of Virtue and Prevention of Vice has stated that women who wish to undertake long journeys must be accompanied by a male relative (mahram). The ministry also instructed drivers and transportation companies not to allow women without hijab to board and not to sell tickets to them. A spokesperson for the ministry said that women traveling distances of 72 kilometers or more must be accompanied by a male mahram or family members.
Decree 11	6 Jan. 2022	8 Sobh, Herat: The Taliban have prohibited the transportation of women without a male guardian in urban passenger vehicles in Herat. Local sources in the province of Herat reported on Thursday, 11th Jawza, that drivers of vehicles and city bicycles have been warned that they will face serious consequences if they transport women without a male guardian. Previously, the Taliban had issued a similar directive in Kandahar province, prohibiting the urban transport of women without a male guardian.
Decree 12	22 Feb. 2022	Recently, the Taliban's Ministry of Interior admitted, through the release of a 14-minute video, that women who were protesting a few weeks ago were pursued and detained by security forces in a house. The video features conversations with some of the protesting women, although it is unclear under what circumstances these conversations were recorded. Scenes of women's protests after the Taliban took over and discussions with some detained

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		women activists about the coordination and launch of protests are depicted in the video. At the end, Aqeel Azzam, the deputy spokesperson of the Taliban's Ministry of Interior, speaks.
Decree 13	30 Mar. 2022	To the Directorates of the Ministry of Education in the center and provinces! Peace be upon you, and God's mercy and blessings! Based on the decision of the cabinet of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, it is communicated to all central and provincial directorates that schools and courses for female students above the sixth grade are suspended until further notice. All Directorates of Education are instructed to implement this order. All public, private schools, and private courses above grade six are also reminded to take the necessary actions based on this decree. Best Al-Haj Mawlawi Haseebullah Agha Acting Minister of Education
Decree 14	10 Apr. 2022	Written Number: (196) 21/1/1401 Office of Educational Affairs, Kabul City To the Esteemed Supervisor of the Fourth Educational District, Pursuant to Written Number (68) dated 8/1/1401 from the General Administration of Administrative and Executive Affairs of the Special Education Directorate and Guidance, Historical Date 27/8/1443, the mandate of this office, recorded in number (265) dated

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		1/1/1401 from the General Administration of Registrations, is hereby directed to you. A copy of the above-written document regarding "Observance of Islamic Hijab in the uniforms of female students and respected teachers, as well as refraining from using neckties in the uniforms of male students and respected teachers," has been sent to you. You are instructed to implement the principles according to the text of the aforementioned written document, notify all relevant offices officially, and inform this department formally. Respectfully, Mawlawi Ehsanullah Khattab, Head of Educational Affairs, Kabul City
Decree 15	29 Apr. 2022	In a letter sent by the Taliban court to the Taliban command for Herat, it is stated: "Haji Wali Jan, son of Haji Abdul Zahir, has a civil dispute over a vehicle with Mohammad Maroof, son of Ghulam Sarwar. Therefore, the aforementioned defendant, who is currently detained with you, should be confined in a separate room." The order further specifies: "He should be alone, provided with food and water through a small hole, and no one should be allowed to visit him."
Decree 16	3 May 2022	Driving schools in Afghanistan report that traffic authorities under the Taliban government have halted the issuance of driver's licenses to women, though there are differing statements regarding women's driving instruction. Jalaluddin Saadat, head of the Afghan Brothers and Sisters Driving School in Herat province, told Voice of America that "traffic management officials in Herat have told us to stop our activities in teaching women how to drive." He also added that the traffic management in Herat has stopped distributing application forms for driver's licenses to women. Khan Agha Achakzai, head of the traffic rules education section in Herat's traffic

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		management, told AFP that "we have been verbally instructed to stop issuing licenses to female drivers ... but we have not received any directives to prevent women from driving in the city." The Kabul Traffic Directorate has also halted the process of issuing driver's licenses to women. The Taliban authorities, in general, avoid issuing written orders and instead allow most local officials to issue regulations either verbally or in writing.
Decree 17	4 May 2022	Decree number (2012) dated 14/2/1401 by the Commission for the Organization and Salaries of the deputy directorate office of head of cabinet regarding the dissolution of the Human Rights Commission, the Constitutional Oversight Commission, the House of Elders, the House of Representatives, the High Council of National Reconciliation, and the Security Council. Based on verbal guidance from the Commander of the Faithful, the administrative structures and services of the Independent Human Rights Commission, the Constitutional Oversight Commission, the House of Elders, the House of Representatives, the High Council of National Reconciliation, and the Security Council shall be dissolved as of 1/1/1401.
Decree 18	7 May 2022	According to the order of the Taliban leader in Afghanistan, women in this country must keep their faces covered in public and outside the home. In a message from Hibatullah Akhundzada, the leader of the Taliban group, read on Saturday, 17th of Ordibehesht, by the spokesperson of the Ministry for the Promotion of Virtue and Prevention of Vice, women are warned that if they disobey this command, their father or closest male relative will be summoned and eventually imprisoned or dismissed from government jobs. This message also designates the "blue burqa," which was a global symbol of the Taliban during the years 1996 to 2001, as the ideal covering for women.

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Decree 19	8 May 2022	The Taliban appointed a committee under the leadership of the Minister of Promotion of Virtue and Prevention of Vice, along with six members of the Emirate cabinet, to prepare a plan regarding the manner of Sharia hijab, adherence to hijab, the stages of implementation, and the punishment for women who do not adhere to it. This plan was approved by decree number (1930) 24/9/1443 by the Taliban leader and has been enforced, as published in the official newspaper. In this plan, the Sharia ruling for hijab, definition and type of hijab, requirements for observing hijab, benefits of observing hijab for women, stages of implementation, and punishment for non-compliance are explained. For women who do not observe hijab, the following punishments are considered in this plan: 1) For unveiled women, upon the first offense, their home address and the head of the woman's family should be recommended and disciplined. 2) Upon the second offense, the woman's guardian or relative should be summoned to the Promotion of Virtue and Prevention of Vice office. 3) For the third offense, the woman's guardian or relative should be imprisoned for 3 days. 4) In the fourth stage, the woman's guardian should be referred to the judiciary to be punished according to Sharia law. 5) In the fifth stage, female government employees who do not observe hijab should be relieved of their duties. 6) Male government employees in the Emirate whose wives and daughters do not observe hijab should have their duties suspended.
Decree 20	10 May 2022	The Ministry of Higher Education leadership directed a ban on female applicants in specialized and vocational fields this year. Girls got barred from selecting engineering, agriculture, journalism, mining, and veterinary sciences in the entrance exams. The Taliban

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		ministry delegation visited universities in provinces in the month of September and instructed officials to reject female applicants in these fields (agriculture, engineering, mining, journalism, veterinary sciences).
Decree 21	4 Jun. 2022	Kabul: The Taliban, monitoring the movement of city taxis, warned drivers who allow women without male guardians to board their taxis. A taxi driver in Kabul told the 8 AM newspaper on Monday, 13th Saratan, that after the Taliban saw him disembarking a woman with two children from his taxi, they angrily warned him to "obey the law." He expressed surprise at the Taliban's statement and asked for clarification of their understanding of obeying the law. In response, the Taliban violently reiterated that their meaning is a law that obliges drivers not to transport women without male guardians. The Taliban are currently inspecting and enforcing the ban on women's movement within Kabul city limits, having previously restricted women from traveling more than 78 kilometers without a male guardian.
Decree 22	16 Jun. 2022	The Taliban have informed women they do not have the right to file complaints against men in court. Reliable local sources in Herat province told the 8am Daily that the Taliban do not address women's complaints against their husbands. According to these sources, several women had filed complaints against their husbands in Herat court due to domestic violence; however, their complaints were ultimately dismissed by the Taliban. Since taking control of Afghanistan, the Taliban have imposed numerous restrictions on women.
Decree 23	17 Jun. 2022	Taliban fighters today (Friday, 27 Jowza 1401 Solar Hijri) declared in the city of Herat that women do not have the right to pray in congregation. Local sources informed 8 Sobh newspaper that contrary to usual practice, today Taliban fighters prevented women from attending mosques in the city of Herat.
Decree 24	14 Jul. 2022	The Taliban's Saranwali Department has reviewed its 1401 organizational plan and sent it to the Office of the Prime Minister's Affairs for consideration. Based on the decree numbered

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		(2771) dated 15/12/1443 by the Taliban's Prime Minister and the memorandum numbered (5498) dated 20/12/1443 by the Directorate of Administrative Reform and Public Services of the General Administration of Affairs, the 1401 organizational structure of the Saranwali Department with a quantity of (6000) personnel has been approved. In this structure, the Deputyship of the Saranwali Department in the section combating violence against women and child abuse, along with 14 other directorates under this deputyship predominantly composed of female Saranwalis, has been removed from the Saranwali Department's organization.
Decree 25	26 Sept. 2022	The officials of the Ministry of Promotion of Virtue and Prevention of Vice of the Taliban have instructed media outlets to ensure that female guests invited to their programs cover their faces. Otherwise, they are not allowed to invite them to their programs.
Decree 26	1 Oct. 2022	The Taliban's Supreme Court has announced that, based on the verdict of the group's "Sharia Primary Court of the City," 15 men and six women have been publicly punished in Kabul. According to the Supreme Court's newsletter, published today (Thursday, December 1), these individuals were accused of committing "debauchery, illicit relationships, theft, running away from home, drinking alcohol, and sodomy." The newsletter does not specify the nature of the sentences but states that they were punished in public in the presence of the Supreme Court's panel.
Decree 27	27 Oct. 2022	In the new structure of the Media Violations Commission, the position for women has been removed. Hayatullah Mohajer Farahi, the Deputy Minister of Publications at the Ministry of Information and Culture, stated that since the Ministry of Women's Affairs and the Human Rights Commission have been dissolved, there is no need for women to be present in this commission. Mr. Farahi explained, "You know that these two bodies, the Human Rights Commission and the Ministry of Women's Affairs, do not exist under the Islamic Emirate, and that's the reason women are not present. Their agencies do not exist, and therefore there

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		is no need for their representatives either." This development comes shortly after the number of members in the Media Violations Commission was increased from eleven to fourteen. Now, in addition to representatives from the Ministry of Information and Culture and the Ministry for the Promotion of Virtue and Prevention of Vice, representatives from the Intelligence Directorate and the Ministry of Interior will also be present in this commission. Meanwhile, journalist support organizations have expressed concern about the absence of women in the Media Violations Commission.
Decree 28	5 Nov. 2022	Zabihullah Mujahid, the Taliban spokesperson, regarding the detention of women's rights activists, said that they receive orders from above and are told to protest to instigate disbelief. On Friday, the Taliban arrested Zarifa Yakubi and several others who intended to announce the existence of the "Afghan Women's Movement for Equality." Zabihullah Mujahid stated in a press conference on Saturday, the 14th of Aqrab, that unauthorized protests are not allowed.
Decree 29	10 Nov. 2022	Taliban officials have announced that women will no longer be allowed to enter recreational parks. Simultaneously, media reports indicate that this ban has also been extended to include gyms and public baths. The Associated Press reported on Thursday that the ban on women's use of gyms and parks came into effect this week in Afghanistan. According to Mohammad Akif Mohajer, spokesperson for the Taliban's Ministry for the Promotion of Virtue and Prevention of Vice, the group has made "every effort" over the past fifteen months to avoid closing parks and gyms for women by designating separate days for men and women each week. However, he stated that these gender-segregation rules were not adhered to, forcing the Taliban to close these facilities to women.

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Decree 30	12 Nov. 2022	The Taliban's Supreme Court, through a press release to the media, has stated that 19 individuals were whipped in Takhār Province according to the rulings of the provincial courts. The press release mentioned that among these individuals, 10 men and 9 women who were detained underwent the legal process, and in the court proceedings, they were sentenced to 39 lashes for charges including adultery, fleeing from home, and theft. The whipping sentence for these individuals was executed in the presence of the public on Friday, the 27th of Aqrab, corresponding to November 18th.
Decree 31	14 Nov. 2022	According to media reports, Zabihullah Mujahid, the spokesperson of the Taliban, has stated on Twitter/X that Mullah Hibatullah, the leader of the Taliban, has ordered the implementation of severe Hudud and retribution punishments on criminals who meet all the legal conditions and have been thoroughly investigated. The Taliban leader has instructed the execution of punishments and retribution for agitators, thieves, and hostage-takers. He has emphasized that the decree of Sharia law and my command must be obeyed.
Decree 32	19 Dec. 2022	The Taliban Supreme Court has announced in an official press release on its website that, based on the ruling of the Jawzjan Provincial Court of Appeal and the approval of the Taliban Supreme Court, flogging sentences were carried out on 22 men and women in Sheberghan's sports stadium. These individuals were convicted of crimes including adultery, running away from home, sodomy, trafficking, and theft. The punishments, ranging from 25 to 35 lashes each, were executed in public in the presence of Taliban leadership in the province.
Decree 33	20 Dec. 2022	To All Public and Private Universities, Per Official Letter Number (2271), dated December 20, 2022 (29 Qaws 1401), we inform all state and private universities of the following: According to Decision Number (28) of the Islamic Emirate Cabinet, the education of female students is entirely suspended until further notice. Please take immediate action, ensure the implementation of this directive, and report

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		back. Shaikh Neda Mohammad Nadim Acting Minister, Ministry of Higher Education
Decree 34	22 Dec. 2022	The Taliban Minister of Higher Education, in an administrative meeting with officials authorities of public and private universities have ordered that, effective from the 1st of Jada 1401, which corresponds to December 22, 2022, until further notice from this ministry, no woman is allowed to enter public or private universities. In case of women's presence and non-compliance with this order, university authorities will be punished. According to this order, female professors are not allowed to teach or work at universities, and female employees are also barred from performing their duties. Shaikh Neda Mohammad Nadim Acting Minister, Ministry of Higher Education
Decree 35	23 Dec. 2022	Thursday (May 28, 1444 AH), based on the decision of the Criminal Court of the City of Faizabad in Badakhshan province, 21 criminals, including four women, were subjected to discretionary punishment for crimes of illicit relationships and moral corruption. After examining and reviewing the respective cases, the Criminal Court of Faizabad sentenced each individual to 29 lashes as discretionary punishment. The aforementioned criminals expressed their satisfaction with the decisions issued by the Criminal Court of the City of Faizabad. This sentence was carried out at around 9 AM in the presence of scholars, elders, and citizens of Badakhshan province in the public courtyard of the telecommunications department of this province, serving as a lesson to themselves and a warning to others.
Decree 36	1 Jan. 2023	Zabihullah Mujahid, the Taliban spokesperson announced that the order banning women from working in domestic and foreign non-governmental organizations in Afghanistan also

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		applies to the United Nations. He told the BBC that this order has been issued for the "preservation of the dignity and chastity" of women. Mujahid said that the Taliban government has concluded that women should not work in institutions under any circumstances. These institutions are not under the control of the Emirate.
Decree 37	3 Jan. 2023	Sources in eastern Afghanistan tell Afghanistan International that the Taliban have closed a school for blind girls and women in Jalalabad, the center of Nangarhar province. Sources also told Afghanistan International that in Asadabad, the center of Kunar, the Taliban closed a school for blind girls and women that had opened three months ago. Deutsche Welle also reported the closure of two centers in eastern Afghanistan (Nangarhar and Kunar). Two sources in eastern provinces of Afghanistan confirmed to Deutsche Welle that these centers have been shut down on the orders of the Taliban. Fazl Ghani Beshardost, the official for the blind in Nangarhar province, told Deutsche Welle that with the closure of educational centers for the blind girls in this province, about 45 blind girls have been deprived of education. He said 20 blind girl students under the age of eight are still learning Braille and hope that the Taliban will not close the doors of these centers. Sources also told Afghanistan International that in Asadabad, the center of Kunar, the Taliban also closed a school for blind girls and women that had opened three months ago. Roznama 8 Sobh also reported that on January 16, 2022, the Taliban closed a school for blind girls in Balkh.
Decree 38	16 Jan. 2023	The Taliban's directive to travel agencies in Herat: Do not sell tickets to women without a male guardian! Local sources report that the Taliban's Amr bil Maroof department in Herat has instructed travel agencies in the province not to sell tickets to women without a male guardian. These sources told Afghanistan International that this directive warns travel agencies of serious consequences for non-compliance. According to this directive, women

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		without a male guardian are not allowed to travel by air.
Decree 39	20 Jan. 2023	To ACBAR in Kabul, Subject: Suspension of Female Employment in Domestic and Foreign Non-Governmental Institutions As you are aware, the Ministry of Economy, on behalf of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, is responsible for coordinating and leading the overall operations of NGOs. Recently, serious complaints have been received regarding the non-compliance with Islamic hijab and other laws and regulations enforced by the Emirate concerning the activities of female employees in non-governmental and foreign institutions. In order to fulfill its responsibility and mission in implementing the laws and regulations of the Emirate regarding the operations of domestic and foreign non-governmental institutions, the Ministry of Economy directs all esteemed institutions to suspend the work of all female employees in their respective departments until further notice. Should there be any delay in complying with the above, the operating license issued by this ministry will be revoked. The above points are conveyed to you so that you may inform your cooperating institutions to ensure their compliance and assure this ministry of their adherence. Sincerely, Qari Din Mohammad Hanif

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		Minister of Economy
Decree 40	21 Jan. 2023	To all universities and private educational institutions, Greetings, Subject: Spring Semester Entrance Exam Dates 1402 (2022) Based on the decision of the Leadership Council dated 1402/7/3, the dates for the Spring 1402 Kankor exams have been set as follows: Exam Dates A: Universities and private educational institutions in the warm zone; General Kankor (from 8 Dalwa to 21 Dalwa) Miscellaneous Kankor (from 22 Dalwa to 5 Hoot) B: Universities and private educational institutions in the cold zone; General Kankor (from 6 Hoot to 19 Hoot) Miscellaneous Kankor (from 20 Hoot to 4 Hamal) Respected Educational Institutions are obligated to receive their written Kankor exam schedule from the Directorate of Private Students five days before the exam date and submit it to the National Examinations Administration at the central level, and to the respective

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		provincial public universities in the provinces for the purpose of appointing exam supervisory committees. It should be noted that the registration of female students is suspended until further notice. And the administration of exams for male students is should not happend contrary to regulations of undergraduate, master's, and doctoral education. Legal action will be taken against violations of these two matters. The above written instructions are issued for the implementation of subsequent fundamental procedures. Respectfully, Engineer Mohammad Salim "Afghan" Director of Affairs for Private Students
Decree 41	8 Feb. 2023	The Supreme Court of the Taliban, through a press release on its official website, has announced that based on the decision of the Appeals Court of Ghor Province and the confirmation of the Taliban's Supreme Court, punishments by lashing have been administered to more than 3 individuals on charges of moral corruption and alcohol production. This verdict was executed publicly with the participation of Taliban leadership officials in the province.
Decree 42	17 Feb. 2023	On the date of 26/7/1444 AH, based on the decree of the municipal court's penal court in Badakhshan province, the lashing sentence was executed on over 11 individuals, including two women, convicted of moral corruption, illicit relationships, and prostitution. This sentence was carried out after the Friday prayers in the presence of enforcers, scholars, local authorities, and Taliban military officials in the seventh district of Fayzabad, the center of Badakhshan province.

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Decree 43	20 Feb. 2023	On the date of 12/9/1444 AH, according to the verdicts numbered 69 dated 29/7/1444 and number 71 dated 4/8/1444, the criminal court of the city executed punitive sentences on more than two individuals convicted of theft and alcohol consumption offenses. This sentence was carried out in the presence of local residents in the courtyard of the court's headquarters.
Decree 44	22 Feb. 2023	Local sources in Ghazni province have reported the closure of four private dental diagnosis and treatment centers in the province. According to these sources, on Wednesday, 3rd of Hoot (23 February), the Taliban's enforcers of virtue and prevention of vice in Ghazni closed four dental diagnosis and treatment centers managed by female doctors. The sources added that these health centers, located in the center and Nawabad suburb of Ghazni city, were closed because the Taliban cited the treatment of male patients by female doctors as the reason.
Decree 45	4 Mar. 2023	The Taliban Supreme Court is reviewing the divorce judgments issued by the previous government's courts. According to a document from the Taliban Supreme Court obtained by 8 AM, Abdul Hakim Haqqani, the head of the Taliban Supreme Court, has ordered a reexamination of divorce cases from the previous government. This directive from Haqqani has been uniformly sent to all provincial courts. The document states that following this directive, divorce proceedings must strictly adhere to the Hanafi jurisprudence. According to the Hanafi school, divorce is based on the presumption of the husband's absence for a period of 70 years after his disappearance, at which point the wife may seek divorce.
Decree 46	23 Mar. 2023	According to Decision No. (93) dated 7/6/1444, the leadership of the Char Sadah district court and the esteemed guidance of the chief judge and head of the appellate court, on 1/9/1444, under the leadership of Maulvi Abdul Hai, the head of the district court of Char Sadah district of Ghazni province, punitive sentences were applied to more than two individuals for the crime of illegitimate activities. This sentence was executed in public and

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		with the participation of Taliban leadership officials in this province.
Decree 47	25 Mar. 2023	After taking control of Afghanistan, the Taliban stripped the Attorney General's Office of its authority for "investigation and oversight" and temporarily handed it over to the group's intelligence agency. Based on the order issued by Mullah Hibatullah, it has been stated: "Instead of the title 'Loy Sarnwal,' the title 'Loy Directorate of Supervision and Pursuance of Decrees and Orders' should be used." Considering clause 1 of this directive, the provincial appellate prosecution offices will now be referred to as the Directorate of Supervision and Pursuance of Decrees and Orders, and their official correspondences should be adjusted according to the new name of the administration. The Loy Directorate of Supervision and Pursuance of Decrees and Orders is henceforth "obligated to oversee and pursue the implementation of all orders, decrees, and directives from the leadership in ministries, emirate departments, and the private sector," as stipulated in the aforementioned decree.
Decree 48	6 Apr. 2023	On 17 Hamal 1402, Mawlawi Abdul Rahman, the head of the Taliban's Department for the Promotion of Virtue and Prevention of Vice in Herat province, said women cannot go to restaurants with green spaces with their family members. He said: "there, men and women go together, mixing and mingling leads to illegitimate interests, vice, misery, and enmity among people, just as women were banned from parks, restaurants that resemble parks should also be banned."
Decree 49	20 Apr. 2023	On the date of 29th Ramadan 1444 AH, according to the decision of the courts of Faryab province and the honorable guidance of the Chief Judge and Head of the Judiciary of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, in the premises of the General Presidency of the Judiciary of Faryab province under the leadership of the esteemed Molavi Abdulghani (Saeed), the Chief of the General Judiciary, with the presence of officials from government and military departments, esteemed scholars, and a large gathering of devout people of the province, punitive sentences were imposed on more than six suspects (4 men and 2 women) for the

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		crimes of illicit relations and consumption of alcohol.
Decree 50	6 May 2023	The Ministry of Promotion of Virtue and Prevention of Vice in Kandahar: Girls are not allowed to go to healthcare facilities and cemeteries. Mullah Abdul Hai Omar, the head of the Ministry of Promotion of Virtue and Prevention of Vice of the interim government of Kandahar province, has ordered all officials of this department to strongly prevent young girls from going to healthcare facilities and cemeteries. He has directed all his officials at the district level in Kandahar province through an audio file to prevent young girls from going to clinics and cemeteries. He added: "Girls wearing new clothes head towards the cemetery. They leave the house in the name of the cemetery." He further emphasized: "Young girls who go to clinics also wear red and white. They have not yet married. They go towards the clinic pretending to be sick." In this message, he asked his forces under his command to: "Absolutely forbid girls. If they do not comply, detain them by any means necessary."
Decree 51	10 May 2023	The Taliban terrorist group has prohibited the production and dissemination of programs addressing women's health issues, labeling advertising about them through the media as "promoting indecency." Nisar (a pseudonym), a female employee of one of the media outlets, stated that, according to verbal orders from the Taliban, health and feminine matters have been removed from her program's agenda. Women also do not have the right to contact the media or speak with male presenters. We are prohibited from discussing topics such as menstruation, virginity, pregnancy pains, contraception, ectopic pregnancy, pregnancy-related problems, miscarriage, and other feminine and health-related issues that cause serious problems for women on radio and television.
Decree 52	20 Jun. 2023	From: Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation To: Spinboldak, Kandahar authorities

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		As you are aware, according to the decree of the Amir al-Mu'minin, female employees of all non-governmental organizations must remain in their homes until further notice and not attend their duties. It has been observed that some female employees of some institutions under your jurisdiction have disobeyed this order and are attending their duties. Therefore, inform the institutions collaborating with the Spin Boldak authority, such as IOM, NRC, UNICEF, HRDA, DRC, to ensure that all female employees in these institutions stay at home and do not report to duty until further notice.
Decree 53	24 Jun. 2023	To the esteemed Mayor of Kabul Peace be upon you, and God's mercy and blessings Subject: Regarding the oral directive from the high authority of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, and subsequently following the oral guidance of the esteemed Amir al-Mu'minin, may God preserve him, from the date 1402/4/3 to 1402/5/5, a period is given to women's beauty salons across the city of Kabul and the provinces. After this specified term, their business activities will be prohibited, and likewise, licenses and contracts issued from the date 1402/5/3 will be invalid. Hereby, the above information is provided to you for awareness and subsequent actions. You are instructed to implement the guidance from the high authority of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan and assure this ministry of your actions by executing the necessary measures. The Directorate of Provincial Coordination is directed to duplicate and disseminate the above guidance to all 34 provincial directorates. Peace be upon you Sheikh Mohammad Mazhar Mohammadi Deputy Minister for Professional and Policy at the Ministry of Promotion of Virtue and

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		Prevention of Vice.
Decree 54	11 Jul. 2023	Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan Office of Spokes Person: In light of recent events in Afghanistan, the activities of the country have been suspended until further notice by the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan. It is hereby announced that in accordance with the Holy Quran, the sacred book of Islam, and in respect of the religious beliefs of Muslims, any act of disrespect towards the Islamic faith is strictly prohibited. It is imperative to note that any such actions will not be tolerated, and the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan is committed to ensuring the protection of the rights of Muslims. The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan calls upon all citizens and entities within the country to cease all activities immediately. Relevant authorities are tasked with taking urgent measures to enforce compliance and maintain stability in the region. Furthermore, the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan extends its call for dialogue and cooperation to other Muslim nations and communities affected by similar acts of disrespect, in the spirit of peace and understanding. Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan 23/12/1444 20/4/1402

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Decree 55	13 Jul. 2023	The High Court of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan issued a statement on 24/12/1444 (corresponding to July 13, 2023), stating that four individuals, along with one woman, were apprehended in a case involving immorality and vice in the Qargha area. They were arrested by security forces and transferred to the primary court of Paghman district, Kabul province, for further investigation. After comprehensive inquiries, the primary court sentenced each of the suspects to three months of imprisonment and twenty lashes. Later, the case was referred to the appellate court of Kabul province, and then to the Supreme Court, where the verdicts of the primary court were upheld in both instances.
Decree 56	25 Jul. 2023	On the date of 20th of Muharram, 1445 Hijri, according to the verdict of the Faryab provincial court and the approval of the honorable higher authority of the appellate court, in the premises of the trial court, disciplinary punishment was imposed on more than four individuals accused of crimes of adultery and sodomy. The gathering was initiated for the implementation of disciplinary punishment on the mentioned accused. Maulawi Abdul Wahab (Zahid), the head of the Faryab trial court, officials from other governmental and military departments, respected scholars, and a large number of devout people from the province were present. Disciplinary punishment (29 lashes for each individual accused of the crime of illegitimate relations and 30 lashes for each individual accused of the crime of sodomy) was imposed on each of the accused.
Decree 57	17 Aug. 2023	On Thursday, dated 30/1/1445 AH, in accordance with the verdict of Sar-e Pol province courts and the confirmation of the Supreme Court of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, disciplinary punishment was imposed on over 19 individuals, including two women, for various crimes (such as adultery, fornication, illicit relations, home invasion, armed robbery, fleeing from home, and insulting the tradition of the Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him) at the central stadium of Sar-e Pol province. During the gathering organized to implement the punishment on the aforementioned suspects, officials of the emirate

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		participated and the court's verdict was executed in public.
Decree 58	26 Aug. 2023	Mohammad Khalid Hanafi, Acting Minister of the Promotion of Virtue and Prevention of Vice for the Taliban, announced on Saturday, August 26, in a speech in Bamiyan that until a "set of principles" is established, women are not allowed to visit Band-e Amir National Park. He instructed the fighters and officials of the Promotion of Virtue and Prevention of Vice in Bamiyan to enforce this order and emphasized that "tourism" is "neither obligatory nor necessary" for women.
Decree 59	12 Sept. 2023	8 Sobh Newspaper: In continuation of imposing restrictions on women's work, the Taliban has issued orders to institutions to replace the use of women's names in their statutes with "families." This group has also removed women's names from the boards of directors of institutions and instructed officials of these entities to introduce men in their place. Sources within the institutions say that the Taliban have either abolished women's councils entirely or entrusted their management to men. According to them, this order has not been issued in writing but is enforceable. Meanwhile, a Taliban governor for Arzgan has stated that according to the leader's order, employing women in institutions is "absolutely prohibited," and this prohibition also includes the vaccination sector. An audio file attributed to this Taliban official states that no organization is entitled to employ women or pay them wages for remote work. Previously, the United Nations Security Council also stated that the Taliban have removed women from the boards of directors of institutions and revoked their right to sign documents related to aid programs.
Decree 60	23 Oct. 2023	On the date of 3/23/1445 AH, based on the verdict of the district court of Shibar district, Bamiyan province, and the confirmation order from the Chief Justice of the General Criminal Court, the Sharia court executed the punishment of corporal chastisement on more than two individuals, including one woman, convicted of the crime of adultery. In the convened session aimed at executing the corporal punishment verdict, attended by judicial officials and representatives from other governmental bodies, a significant number of local

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		residents were also present.
Decree 61	23 Oct. 2023	According to the decision of the Provincial Court of Faryab and the confirmation decree of the Chief Justice in the premises of the General Presidency of the Court, under the supervision of Mr. Muftee Abdul Wahab Zahid, the Chief Justice of the Provincial Court, where officials from governmental departments, military personnel of Faryab Province, esteemed scholars, and a large number of devout people of this province were present, four individuals, three men and one woman, were convicted of engaging in unlawful relationships and sodomy and were subjected to the prescribed punitive measures.
Decree 62	11 Nov. 2023	On Friday, the date (26th Rabi' al-Thani, 1445 AH), following the congregation for Friday prayers at Shahid Haqani Sports Stadium in Zaranj city, the capital of Nimroz Province, a public gathering was held attended by the Chief Judge of the City Court, the judicial delegation of the Criminal Court, esteemed scholars, enforcers, mujahideen, governmental and military officials, and the general public. Punitive measures were applied, by way of physical punishment, to more than 25 individuals accused of crimes including theft, unlawful relationships, burglary, and looting.
Decree 63	22 Nov. 2023	Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan Ministry of Public Health General Directorate of Health Affairs Takhar Provincial Health Office Subject: Compliance Check on Health Laws In accordance with the principles and standards of health laws of the Ministry of Public Health and the guidance of the Provincial Head of the Office of Commanding the Good and

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		Forbidding Evil in Takhar Province, it is hereby directed that any advertisements or announcements containing human images (especially women) must be prevented. If there are currently any such images installed in your health center, kindly remove them within 24 hours. Your prompt attention to this matter will be appreciated. Respectfully, Dr. Abdulqahar Ahadi Head of Takhar Provincial Health Office
Decree 64	25 Nov. 2023	Document number (1062) dated 11/5/1445 To the esteemed head of Civil Registration Services! Peace, mercy, and blessings of Allah be upon you, Document number (822) dated 7/5/1445 from the respected head of the Documents Office of the Fourth District of Kabul has been forwarded with the following content: (Subject: Non-implementation of issuing new or duplicate identity cards for the following individuals: 1. Ms. Shiba Ataie, daughter of Mohammad Dawood, born on 1/3/1381, holder of electronic ID number (71561-0900-1400), originally from Panjshir Province and currently residing in Kabul since 24/8/1399, accompanied by Ali Jawad, son of Mohammad Sadiq, born on 1387, holder of the first volume ID card, page 3, registered at the age of 12, now 18 years old, originally from Parwan Province and currently residing in Kabul, with a marriage certificate

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		stamped with a ninety-thousand Afghani stamp. Considering that the wife is Sunni and the husband is Shia, and there are religious impediments in their marriage contract, the primary identity cards of the mentioned individuals are registered with this court, directing their relevant branches and authorities accordingly, until further notice from this court for the issuance of new or duplicate identity cards to the aforementioned individuals. Copies of the identity cards of the mentioned individuals are attached to this letter.) The above-mentioned matters have been communicated to you for your information and further actions are directed to be carried out according to the text of the above-mentioned document number. Please ensure that this information reaches your relevant staff accordingly. With respect, Ruhul Amin Acting Head of Civil Registration Services
Decree 65	24 Dec. 2023	Taliban in Khost province deemed telephone contact of women with the media as "unlawful" and have declared it prohibited. The Taliban have warned media officials that if they receive calls from women, they will be prosecuted. The Afghanistan Journalists Center published an official letter from the Taliban, which bears the signature of Abdul Rashid Omari, the Taliban's security commander in Khost. The official letter, has declared the establishment of telephone contact with the media as prohibited for women and girls in Khost province. The Taliban's official letter, signed on Saturday, the 15th of February, accuses some private radios in Khost of indulging in "moral corruption". The letter explains that some women and girls call radios during social programs or educational programs, considering it as "unlawful contact" and indulging in

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		"moral corruption". The letter emphasizes that local radios and televisions do not have permission from the Ministry of Education to broadcast educational programs. The letter warns that if this directive is violated, media officials will be summoned and face legal consequences.
Decree 66	25 Dec. 2023	On Monday, dated 11/6/1445 AH, based on the verdicts and decisions of the courts, punitive measures were imposed on two criminals in Khawsh District, Badakhshan Province, due to the crime of fleeing from home. The cases of the aforementioned criminals were carefully examined by the relevant court, and after completing the legal procedures, the criminals were sentenced not only to imprisonment but also to punitive measures.
Decree 67	31 Dec. 2023	In the past two months of the current calendar year, the Taliban government has enforced laws in Afghanistan, with public executions and floggings being among the most common occurrences. According to statements from the Supreme Court of the Taliban government, over the past forty days, more than 260 individuals, including approximately fifty women, have been publicly flogged. It has been reported that these individuals were mostly flogged on charges of theft, moral corruption, drug trafficking, fleeing from home, and violating Islamic principles, with both men and women receiving between 19 to 39 lashes. These incidents have occurred in various provinces, including Kunduz, Badakhshan, Uruzgan, Paktika, Helmand, Maidan Wardak, Jowzjan, Ghazni, Khost, Zabul, Nangarhar, Parwan, Kabul, Logar, Laghman, Takhar, Bamyān, Kandahar, and Farah.
Decree 68	2 Jan. 2024	The Taliban's Ministry of Promotion of Virtue and Prevention of Vice has issued a new decree requiring women to observe Islamic hijab. Sources told Afghanistan International that Taliban morality police officers have detained several girls in western Kabul on charges of not adhering to the desired hijab by the group. According to sources, the Taliban have transferred these girls to an undisclosed location.

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		These sources, on condition of anonymity, stated that Taliban morality police officers have detained these girls in shops and on the streets. At least two sources confirmed the detention of three girls by the Taliban. Due to the sensitivity of the issue, the relatives of these girls refrained from disclosing their identities. ----- Meanwhile, a Taliban member in the thirteenth security district has sent a message to educational centers stating that the Taliban's Ministry for the Promotion of Virtue and Prevention of Vice has ordered the arrest of women who do not adhere to the religious hijab according to the group's directive. In this message, the Taliban fighter stated that, according to the Ministry's order, girls and women who are detained due to disobedience to this directive will remain in the police detention center for several days. He said that the relatives of the detained women must come to the police station and guarantee that they will adhere to the hijab according to the Taliban's directive in the future. This Taliban member has requested officials at educational centers to ensure that the hijab of female students is "below the knee."
Decree 69	11 Feb. 2024	"Today, the divine retribution (qisas) was applied to two murderers in the center of Ghazni province. The identities of these two murderers, who had been sentenced to qisas by the courts for various murder cases, are as follows: The first murderer, Syed Jamal son of Syed Mahmoud, originally and currently from the village of Lorah, Sayed Abad district, Maidan Wardak province, had killed Amir Mohammad son of Sultan Mohammad, originally and currently from the village of Lorah, Sayed Abad district, Maidan Wardak province, on the 10th of the month of Dhu al-Hijjah, 1438 AH, using a stabbing weapon. The second murderer, Gul Khan son of Shah Wali, originally and currently from the village of De Saleem Char Diwol, Andar district, Ghazni province, had killed Mohammad Qasim

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		son of Nazaruddin, originally and currently from the village of De Saleem Char Diwol, Andar district, Ghazni province, on the 12th of the 10th month of 1400 AH, using a stabbing weapon. These two murder cases were separately and thoroughly examined by the three-tier courts of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan (primary, prosecution, and appellate). As a result, the divine retribution verdicts for the mentioned murderers were issued and confirmed. Later, these verdicts were presented for confirmation to His Excellency, the Amir-ul-Momineen, Sheikh-ul-Hadith Mawlawi Hibatullah Akhundzada, may Allah protect him, the leader of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan. For final precautionary measures, further extraordinary scrutiny was conducted regarding these matters upon the directive of His Excellency, the Amir-ul-Momineen. Ultimately, the divine retribution verdicts were also confirmed by the leader of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan. These divine retribution verdicts were applied today, Friday, on the 11th of Sha'ban, 1445 AH, in the football stadium of Ali Baba village in the center of Ghazni province, in the presence of a number of compatriots."
Decree 70	25 Feb. 2024	"Today, the divine retribution (qisas) was applied to a murderer in the center of Jowzjan province. The murderer, Nazar Mohammad son of Amanullah, originally from Kulyan village, Belcharagh district, Faryab province, and currently residing in Aye Project village, Sheberghan center, Jowzjan province, had killed Khal Mohammad son of Abdul Ali, originally from Mangol village, Belcharagh district, Faryab province, and currently residing in Al Project village, Sheberghan center, Faryab province, on the 12th of the 6th month of 1443 AH, using a stabbing weapon. This murder case was thoroughly and repeatedly examined by the three-tier courts of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan (primary, prosecution, and appellate). As a result, the divine retribution verdict was issued and confirmed for the aforementioned murderer. Later, these

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		verdicts were presented for confirmation to His Excellency, the Amir-ul-Momineen, Sheikh-ul-Hadith Mawlawi Hibatullah Akhundzada, may Allah protect him, the leader of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan. Upon the directive of His Excellency, further extraordinary scrutiny was conducted regarding this matter for final precautionary measures. Ultimately, the divine retribution verdict was also confirmed by the leader of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan. This divine retribution verdict was applied today, Tuesday, on the 15th of Sha'ban, 1445 AH, in the sports stadium in the center of Jowzjan province, in the presence of a number of compatriots.
Decree 71	28 Feb. 2024	Mohammad Khalid Hanafi, the acting head of the Ministry of Promotion of Virtue and Prevention of Vice of the Taliban, warned during a meeting with media representatives in Kabul that if women do not cover their faces when appearing on television or in visual interviews, there is a possibility that the Taliban government leader will completely ban women from working in the media. The Afghanistan Journalists Center is closely monitoring the situation of the media in the country and warns of the possibility of women being banned from working in the media, as they are already facing severe work restrictions, and the consequences thereof. This meeting was held at the invitation of the Ministry of Promotion of Virtue and Prevention of Vice and was attended by dozens of officials and media representatives at a hotel in Kabul. Ministry officials discussed the participation of female reporters and the appearance of women as guests on television programs. Abdul Ghafar Farooq, the ministry's spokesperson, showed several photos of women dressed in black robes covering their entire bodies except for their eyes and advised media representatives to consider this type of hijab and adhere to it. Additionally, Farooq advised the media to refrain from interviewing Afghan women whose faces are visible or not wearing masks. Meanwhile, Mohammad Khalid Hanafi, the acting head of the Ministry of Promotion of Virtue and Prevention of Vice, requested that media representatives pay attention to the recommendations regarding the hijab of female reporters and visual

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		interviews with women. Hanafi warned that if these recommendations are ignored, there is a possibility that women's work in the media will be completely banned by Hibatullah Akhundzada, the leader of the Taliban.
Decree 72	1 Apr. 2024	"On Sunday, dated 21/Ramadan al-Mubarak/1445 AH, based on the verdict of the City Court and the District Court of Dolat Abad District, Faryab Province, including one woman and more than three men accused of adultery and fleeing from home, punitive measures were applied publicly. The decisions of the City Court and the District Court of Dolat Abad were implemented after approval from the Provincial Court and the Supreme Court. It is worth mentioning that among the mentioned defendants, one individual accused of adultery and aiding in the escape of a woman was sentenced to two years and six months of imprisonment, along with a fine of 39 Afghanis, while two individuals (one woman and one man) accused of adultery and fleeing from home were each sentenced to one year of imprisonment and a fine of 30 Afghanis."
Decree 73	6 May 2024	On the date of 27/10/1445 AH, based on the decision of the Public Security Court of the Provincial Court of Badakhshan Province, punitive measures were applied publicly on more than four individuals involved in the crime of selling alcohol and tablets. The relevant court sentenced one criminal to one year of imprisonment and 35 lashes, two criminals to 30 lashes each, and another criminal to 39 lashes. These sentences were implemented after approval from the Supreme Court.
Decree 74	7 May 2024	Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development Afghanistan Decree Number: 14869 Date: 07 May, 2024 According to Hibatullah's order, all provincial, district, and village development councils

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		have been abolished. Based on the proposal of the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development of the Taliban, and the approval of the Prime Minister's high office, changes have been added to paragraph seven and article four of the procedure for the activities of domestic and foreign organizations and NGOs. With the abolition of development councils, the Taliban leader has ordered that organizations report about their projects and implement them only after the approval of the group's Ulema Council.
Decree 75	13 Aug. 2024	On the date of 8/2/1445 AH, based on the verdict of the Badakhshan province court, disciplinary punishment was imposed on more than three individuals for moral corruption in the municipal court chamber of the province. These individuals were convicted by the military court and the sentence was executed in the presence of officials and the public.

ANNEX B – THE TALIBAN’S LAW OF PROMOTION OF VIRTUE AND PREVENTION OF VICES
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**Decree of the Supreme Aamirulmominen, may Allah the Almighty preserve him,
regarding the enforcement of the Law of promotion of virtue and prevention of
vices**

Number (1)

Date: August 24, 2024

Article One:

I hereby approve the Law of Commanding the promotion of virtue and prevention of vices, which consists of (1) Introduction, (4) Chapters, and (35) Articles.

Article Two:

This decree shall take effect from the date of its approval and shall be published in the official gazette along with the text of the mentioned law.

Peace, mercy, and blessings of Allah be upon you!

**The Supreme Aamirulmominen Sheikh of the Quran and Hadith
Mawlawi Habtullah Akhundzada**

Law of promotion of virtue and prevention of vices

Introduction

Foundation

Article One:

This law is based on Decree (9) dated 19 March 2023, which corresponds to 2 August 2024, issued by the Supreme Aamirulmominen, may Allah the Almighty preserve him.

Objectives

Article Two:

The objectives of this law are:

1. To regulate matters related to commanding the promotion of virtue and prevention of vices.
2. To regulate matters concerning the duties and authority of the overseers (Muhtasib).

Terminology

Article Three:

The following terms in this law are defined as follows:

1. Accountability (Ihtisab): The act of commanding the promotion of virtue and prevention of vices in accordance with Sharia and this law by an overseer.
2. Overseer (Muhtasib): An individual appointed by the Supreme Aamirulmominen, may Allah the Almighty preserve him, or by someone authorized by Aamirulmominen, to carry out the duties of accountability.
3. Subject of Accountability (Muhtasib Fih): Anything in which accountability is exercised by the overseer.
4. Good (Ma'roof, Subject of Accountability): A statement or action deemed good by Sharia.
5. Promotion of virtues (Amr Bil Ma'roof): Directing adherence to the teachings of the Messenger of Allah, peace be upon him, and following Sharia.
6. Vices (Munkar, Subject of Accountability): A statement or action considered bad by Sharia.
7. Prevention of vices (Nahi Anil Munkar): Preventing the commission of evil acts.
8. Subject of Accountability against (Muhtasib Alayh): An individual who is commanded to do good and prevented from committing evil by the overseer.
9. Disciplinary Action (Ta'zir): A punishment administered by the overseer in accordance with Sharia and this law for public commission of evil, in the context of the rights of Allah.
10. Islamic Hijab: Clothing that covers the entire body and face of a woman from non-mahrams, and is not thin, short, or tight.

Scope of Application

Article Four:

This law applies to all offices, public places, and individuals residing within the territory of Afghanistan.

Authority of Implementation

Article Five:

The Ministry of promotion of virtue and prevention of vices and Receiving Complaints is the authority responsible for implementing the provisions of this law.

Establishing virtue and prevention of vice

Article Six:

1. The Ministry of promotion of virtue and prevention of vice and Receiving Complaints is obligated to command good and forbid evil in accordance with Islamic Sharia and Hanafi jurisprudence.
2. The Ministry is also responsible for ensuring peace and brotherhood among people and preventing them from tribal, linguistic, and factional prejudices.

Restricting the Establishment of virtue and Changing Vice

Article Seven:

Anyone with the capacity can command good and forbid evil, but the specific responsibility is assigned to the overseer.

Abbreviation

Article Eight:

From now on, the Ministry of promotion of virtue and prevention of vice and Receiving Complaints will be referred to as the "Ministry" in this law.

Chapter One

Conditions, Etiquettes, Manners and Principles Related to the Overseer (Muhtasib), Muhtasib feh, Muhtaseb alyehe.

Conditions and Characteristics of the Overseer

Article Nine:

1. An individual appointed as an overseer must meet the following conditions:
 1. Be a Muslim.
 2. Have reached legal maturity (sound mind and adulthood).
 3. Possess knowledge of the Sharia rulings that pertain to commanding or forbidding.
 4. Have a predominant belief that changing evil will result in its removal and that promotion of good will be beneficial and impactful.
 5. be just.
 6. Have the authority to command and forbid.
2. An individual acting as an overseer should possess the following qualities:
 1. Be committed to good actions and avoid all forms of evil.
 2. be sincere (not seeking to show off, gain worldly benefit, or seek the admiration of others).
 3. be kind.
 4. be patient and tolerant.

Etiquettes and Principles Related to the Overseer and Accountability

Article Ten:

The etiquettes and principles for the overseer and accountability are as follows:

3. Respect the dignity and humanity of every individual and interact with them courteously while promotion of good and forbidding vice.
4. Prevent an evil that is observed directly.
5. Prevent an evil that is heard about.
6. Avoid exposing individuals' hidden sins, spying, or intruding into their private matters while commanding good and forbidding evil, unless permitted by Islamic Sharia.
7. Prevent an evil if it is confirmed by the testimony of two reliable witnesses.

8. Prevent evil in a manner that does not lead to equal or greater evil.
9. Maintain justice and avoid discrimination while establishing good and removing evil.
10. Prioritize what is more important while commanding good and forbidding evil.
11. Make the individual aware of the gravity of their sinful actions.
12. Offer advice and counsel gently.
13. Physical intervention is only permissible if there is no fear of causing a greater harm.

Conditions Related to the Subject of (Muhtasib Alyehe)

Article Eleven:

1. The conditions related to the subject of Muhtasib Alyehe are:
 1. Engaging in an evil act that should be avoided according to Sharia.
 2. Neglecting a good act that should be performed according to Sharia.
2. Commanding good and forbidding evil by the overseer is obligatory when the conditions mentioned in paragraph (1) of this article are present in the subject of accountability.

Conditions Related to the Subject of Accountability (Muhtasib Fihe)

Article Twelve:

Conditions related to the subject of (Muhtasib Fihe) are:

1. The subject of accountability or its prerequisites must currently exist.
2. The subject of accountability must be apparent without the need for spying, such that the overseer can see or hear it, or receive reliable information according to the provisions of this law.
3. The evil must be manifest (not requiring investigation to be confirmed).

Rulings Related to Women's Hijab

Article Thirteen:

1. Covering the entire body of a woman is mandatory.
2. Covering the face of a woman is necessary to prevent temptation.
3. The voice of women (such as singing, reciting hymns, or reading aloud in gatherings) is considered private.
4. Women's clothing should not be thin, short, or tight.
5. Muslim women are obliged to cover their body and face from non-mahram men.
6. The covering of Muslim and righteous women from non-believing and immoral women is obligatory due to fear of temptation.
7. It is forbidden for adult men to look at the bodies and faces of women, and for adult women to look at men who are not related to them.
8. If an adult woman needs to leave her home for an essential reason, she must cover her voice, face, and body.

Rulings on the Covering of Men

Article Fourteen:

1. The private area of a man extends from below the navel to the knees, including the knees.
2. A man is required to adhere to the provisions of paragraph (1) of this article and other rulings related to covering.
3. During leisure and sports, a man must wear clothing that covers his private area. The clothing should not be excessively tight or reveal the shape of the body parts.

Obligations of the Overseer (Muhtasib) Regarding Covering

Article Fifteen:

The overseer is obligated to enforce the rules of this law concerning the covering of men and women, commanding good and forbidding evil.

Chapter Two Responsibilities and Duties of the Overseer

Responsibilities of the Overseer Concerning the Respect for Islamic Symbols, Prophets, Companions, and Righteous Predecessors

Article Sixteen:

1. The overseer is responsible for ensuring that government employees and the general public respect Islamic symbols, the Prophets, peace be upon them, the noble Companions, may Allah be pleased with them, and the righteous predecessors, may Allah have mercy on them.
2. The overseer is responsible for disciplining those who violate these provisions according to the rulings of this law.

Responsibilities of the Overseer Regarding Media and Information

Article Seventeen:

The overseer is responsible for ensuring that media and information officials adhere to the following:

1. Publishing content that does not contradict Sharia and religion.
2. Avoiding content that belittles or insults Muslims.
3. Avoiding the publication of images of living creatures.

Responsibilities of the Overseer Regarding Merchants, Shopkeepers, and Farmers

Article Eighteen:

The overseer is responsible for ensuring that merchants, shopkeepers, and farmers adhere to the following in their transactions and activities:

1. Mandating the performance of congregational prayers in the mosque at specified times.

2. Ensuring timely payment of Zakat, Khoms, and other financial obligations to those entitled.
3. Conducting transactions in accordance with Hanafi jurisprudence.
4. Prohibiting usury (interest), hoarding (stockpiling goods with the intent to raise prices), deceit (concealing defects of goods), cheating (shortchanging in weight, volume, and measures), manipulation (influencing buyers), unfair practices, false oaths, lies, and other unlawful practices related to transactions.
5. Preventing the sale and purchase of items that are religiously forbidden or illegal, such as alcohol, forbidden meat, blood, weapons, ammunition, military equipment, and images of living creatures.
6. Prohibiting the use of images of living creatures for advertising purposes.
7. Preventing the sale and use of human body parts, such as kidneys, liver, eyes, and hair.

Responsibilities of the Overseer Regarding Tourist and Recreational Areas

Article Nineteen:

The overseer is responsible for ensuring that the officials of tourist and recreational areas adhere to the following:

1. Constructing mosques for congregational prayers.
2. Ensuring that officials and visitors perform congregational prayers in the mosque.

Responsibilities of the Overseer Regarding Passenger and Cargo Vehicles, Motorcycles, and Other Transport

Article Twenty:

The overseer is responsible for ensuring that vehicle operators and drivers adhere to the following:

1. Prohibiting the playing of music.
2. Enforcing the ban on the use and trafficking of drugs.
3. Preventing the transport of women without proper hijab.
4. Ensuring that women do not sit or mix with non-mahram men.
5. Avoiding the transport of women without a legal mahram who is sane and of legal age.
6. Mandating transport companies to arrange their vehicles so that drivers and passengers can perform their prayers at the designated times.

Responsibilities of the Overseer Regarding Bathhouses

Article Twenty-One:

The overseer is responsible for ensuring that individuals cover their private areas in public baths and while playing in water.

Responsibilities of the Overseer Regarding Specific Evils

Article Twenty-Two:

The overseer is responsible for preventing the following specific evils:

1. Adultery, whether by force or consent, whether hidden or public. Temporary marriages (Mut'ah) are also not allowed.
2. Immorality involving sexual activities.

3. Lesbianism (same-sex relations among women).
4. Homosexuality (even if with one's own spouse).
5. Pedophilia.
6. Gambling (such as dice games, gambling with pebbles, coin tossing, or other similar games).
7. Creating conditions or means for adultery, immorality, lesbianism, homosexuality, pedophilia, and gambling.
8. Organizing fights between dogs, chickens, lizards, quails, and other animals or birds.
9. Misuse of television, radio, and similar items for producing and viewing images and videos of living creatures on computers, mobile phones, and similar devices.
10. The loud output of women's voices or music outside the home or gathering.
11. The use, purchase, sale, possession, and trafficking of intoxicants (such as alcoholic beverages).
12. Revealing private areas.
13. Immodesty.
14. Abandoning and neglecting prayers.
15. Neglecting obligatory religious duties.
16. Failing to perform congregational prayers.
17. Breaking the fast.
18. Shaving the beard or trimming it excessively.
19. Haircuts that are contrary to Islamic law.
20. Associating with and emulating non-Muslims in appearance and behavior.
21. Celebrating Nowroz, Yalda Night, fireworks by Muslims, and similar practices that are common among Muslims but have no basis in Sharia.
22. Using and promoting crosses, neckties, and other non-Islamic symbols.
23. Engaging in and promoting innovations (Bid'ah) and reprehensible acts as outlined in authoritative Hanafi jurisprudence.
24. Disobeying parents.
25. Violating people's rights.
26. Misbehaving with or mistreating orphans and the oppressed.

Responsibilities of the Overseer Regarding (Dhimmis), (Musta'mins), Children, and the Insane

Article Twenty-Three:

1. The overseer is responsible for preventing Kids and Mads/insane people who are mentally less progressed, from publicly committing immoral acts.
2. If an immoral act is committed by a child or an insane person, the overseer is responsible for preventing the act.

Chapter Three Punishments

Punishments by the Overseer

Article Twenty-Four:

(1) A person who publicly commits an immoral act will be punished by the overseer according to the severity of the sin and the offender. The punishments include:

1. Admonition.
2. Warning of the punishment of Allah.
3. Reprimanding with harsh words.
4. Punishment through financial loss.
5. Imprisonment from one hour to twenty-four hours in public detention facilities.
6. Imprisonment from one day to three days in public detention facilities.
7. Any other punishment deemed appropriate by the overseer that does not fall under judicial jurisdiction.

(2) The overseer must apply the punishments listed in paragraph (1) of this article while commanding good and forbidding evil.

Authority of the Heads and Supervisors Regarding Punishment

Article Twenty-Five:

1. The heads of urban and provincial departments of promotion of virtue and prevention of vice have the authority to impose the punishments listed in items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 of Article Twenty-Four, depending on the severity of the sin and the offender.
2. The supervisors of districts and sub-districts of promotion of virtue and prevention of vice have the authority to impose the punishments listed in items 4, 5, 6, and 7 of Article Twenty-Four, in consultation with the relevant head, depending on the severity of the sin and the offender.
3. If an offender does not amend their behavior after the application of punishments mentioned in paragraphs (1) and (2) of this article, they are referred to court.

Conditions for Referring an Offender to Court

Article Twenty-Six:

The overseer shall refer an offender to court under the following conditions:

1. If a person repeatedly neglects the obligatory prayers without a valid excuse.
2. If a person repeatedly neglects congregational prayers without a valid excuse.
3. If the residents of an area collectively neglect the call to prayer and congregational prayers.
4. If a person repeatedly fails to fast during the holy month of Ramadan without a valid excuse.
5. If children persistently disobey their parents.
6. If a person mistreats orphans or wastes their property.
7. If a person persistently fails to perform all obligatory good deeds or refrains from avoiding all prohibited acts.

Responsibilities of the Overseer Regarding Prisoners

Article Twenty-Seven:

1. The overseers are required to release prisoners whose sentences have ended without delay.
2. The overseers are required to ensure that prisoners have access to religious duties and necessary needs and to provide the necessary facilities for them.

Chapter Four Miscellaneous Provisions Public Relations

Article Twenty-Eighth:

The Ministry is required to consult with religious scholars, school teachers, educational institutions, and influential religious figures for the following purposes:

1. To establish good practices and eliminate evils.
2. To prevent the promotion of evils by the enemies of Islam.

Supervision

Article Twenty-Ninth:

The Ministry is responsible for supervising the performance of officials tasked with promotion of virtue and prevention of vice and addressing complaints.

Reporting

Article Thirtieth:

1. The officials of the Ministry are required to report their activities and actions to the Ministry.
2. The Ministry is responsible for reporting its activities and actions to the esteemed Office of the Aamirulmominen, may Allah preserve him.

Training and Education of Overseers and Staff

Article Thirty-First:

The Ministry is required to organize training seminars for its overseers and staff on the provisions of this law and other related legislative documents, as well as effective methods for commanding good, forbidding evil, and handling complaints, taking into account the relevant conditions.

Consultation

Article Thirty-Second:

If an overseer encounters an action not explicitly addressed in this law or other related legislative documents, they must inform the relevant head and seek guidance from the superior authority through the esteemed Office of the Aamirulmominen, may Allah preserve him.

Receiving Assistance**Article Thirty-Third:**

The Ministry is required to share and cooperate with provincial officials on operational procedures for commanding good, forbidding evil, and handling complaints, and to obtain their assistance.

Proposing Procedures and Drafts**Article Thirty-Fourth:**

For the better implementation of this law, the Ministry shall prepare procedures and drafts and submit them for approval to the esteemed Office of the Aamirulmominen, may Allah preserve him.

Enforcement**Article Thirty-Fifth:**

This law shall be effective from the date of its ratification and publication in the Official Gazette. Any other laws not approved or ratified by the esteemed Office of the Aamirulmominen or that are in conflict with this law are hereby annulled.

The End