**Decree on general Rules and Prohibitions announced by General Presidency of Amr Bil Maruf[[1]](#footnote-1). Kabul, December 1996**

Source introduction:

*Immediately on taking over cities and communities in Afghanistan, the Taliban imposed its law, based on an interpretation of Sharia, or Islamic law. It is translated from Dari by Western non-governmental agencies. The grammar and syntax follows the original.*

**1. To prevent sedition and female uncovers (Be Hejabi).** No drivers allowed to pick up women who are using Iranian burqa. In case of violation the driver will be imprisoned. If such kind of female are observed in the street their house will be found and their husband punished. If the women use stimulating and attractive cloth and there is no accompany of close male relative with them, the drivers should not pick them up.

**2. To prevent music.** To be broadcasted by the public information resources. In shops, hotels, vehicles and rickshaws cassettes and music are prohibited. This matter should be monitored within five days. If any music cassette found in a shop, the shopkeeper should be imprisoned and the shop locked. If five people guarantee the shop should be opened the criminal released later. If cassette found in the vehicle, the vehicle and the driver will be imprisoned. If five people guarantee the vehicle will be released and the criminal released later.

**3. To prevent beard shaving and its cutting.** After one and a half months, if anyone is observed who has shaved and/or cut his beard, they should be arrested and imprisoned until their beard gets bushy.

**4. To prevent keeping pigeons and playing with birds.** Within ten days this habit/hobby should stop. After ten days this should be monitored and the pigeons and any other playing birds should be killed.

**5. To prevent kite-flying.** The kite shops in the city should be abolished.

**6. To prevent idolatry.** In vehicles, shops, hotels, room and any other places, pictures and portraits should be abolished. The monitors should tear up all pictures in the above places.

**7. To prevent gambling.** In collaboration with the security police the main centers should be found and the gamblers imprisoned for one month.

**8. To eradicate the use of narcotics**. Addicts should be imprisoned and investigation made to find the supplier and the shop. The shop should be locked and the owner and user should be imprisoned and punished.

**9. To prevent the British and American hairstyle**. People with long hair should be arrested and taken to the Religious Police department to shave their hair. The criminal has to pay the barber.

**10. To prevent interest on loans, charge on changing small denomination notes and charge on money orders.** All money exchangers should be informed that the above three types of exchanging the money should be prohibited. In case of violation criminals will be imprisoned for a long time.

**11. To prevent washing cloth by young ladies along the water streams in the city.** Violator ladies should be picked up with respectful Islamic manner, taken to their houses and their husbands severely punished.

**12. To prevent music and dances in wedding parties.** In the case of violation the head of the family will be arrested and punished.

**13. To prevent the playing of music drum.** The prohibition of this should be announced. If anybody does this then the religious elders can decide about it.

**14. To prevent sewing ladies cloth and taking female body measures by tailor.** If women or fashion magazines are seen in the shop the tailor should be imprisoned.

**15. To prevent sorcery.** All the related books should be burnt and the magician should be imprisoned until his repentance.

**16. To prevent not praying and order gathering pray at the bazaar.** Prayer should be done on their due times in all districts. Transportation should be strictly prohibited and all people are obliged to go to the mosque. If young people are seen in the shops they will be immediately imprisoned.

1. ”Amr Bil Maruf” er et islamisk udtryk for at opfordre til at gøre det rigtige [↑](#footnote-ref-1)