

*[Taliban threat against Afghanistan press,
translated by staff at Tolo TV. January 22, 2016]*

To Journalists Federation ...!

After attack on TOLO TV, Journalists Federation through a press conference threatened to take new media steps against the Taliban within six days; however, they didn't make it clear that what these steps are going to be.

Members of the federation in their statement said:

Taliban are terrorists

Their attacks are unforgivable

It is pertinent to mention that these irresponsible remarks pushed TOLO towards death.

The federation that calls itself protector of media, instead of correcting mistakes of media organizations and journalists, rescuing their lives this way and proving their spurious claim that media are unbiased, is pushing media towards destruction.

The federation and unrestrained media that are receiving American dollars should know that Muslim nation of Afghanistan under the leadership of the Taliban consider their holy armed fighting for protection of Afghanistan as well as protection spiritual, religious and intellectual borders of their people as their duty.

They are not mere claims, but are historical facts. Throughout the history, there are many examples that Afghans have defended their country physically and spiritually.

Taliban, like their ancestors, want to rescue their country from American invaders and are thwarting spiritual and intellectual invasions of the invaders. The invaders have assigned channels like TOLO for this purpose.

Journalists Federation should know that with these warnings they cannot scare Taliban; nor can they deter the Taliban from the pathway that they have chosen.

Meanwhile, with these warnings you cannot reduce the problems faced by media, but on the contrary increase the problems.

If other media outlets follow TOLO and continue to make irresponsible remarks like the federation, use an irresponsible language against the Taliban, term Taliban as terrorists and consider their operations as crime, then it will be clear that they are not free media, but serve as propaganda strongholds for invaders.

Journalists Federation should know that the Taliban are not afraid of media boycott, nor have these media outlets published news related to the Taliban in a proper way so far.

The Islamic Emirate urge media not to play with religious and national values of the people to earn dollars, not to call Jihad as terrorism, under the name of freedom of expression should not disrupt minds of youth by promoting western culture and obscenity and they should not stigmatize our noble Islamic and national values.

The Islamic Emirate is committed to ensure safety of those media outlets, which do not support invaders in fight against our Islamic and national values.

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