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"The topic 'civilian casualties' being raised in the world mass media over and over again is a highly sensitive issue of the country's ongoing crisis which is currently being used as a subjective medium of propaganda by the Western media rather than observance and fulfilment of the human rights."

"Despite the fact that that the civilian deaths by the US and its allies' blind bombardments and fire reached a record high...several different official and unofficial organizations in the world are reporting the issue in a partial, one-sided and incorrect way, stunningly exempting the persistent offenders, those who have really been behind the civilian deaths in Afghanistan. Following such biased and subjective press releases by other so-called human rights organization of the UN, the United Nations Assistance in Afghanistan (UNAMA) released a report on August 10, 2010, blaming the Mujahideen for most of the civilian casualties."

"The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan...[regards] such press releases [as] based on one-sidedness and dogmatism instead of neutrality and justification by related organizations and mainstream media outlets which not only encourage the ISAF forces to keep harassing the masses and causing further civilian deaths but also exacerbate and intensify the tragedy rather than minimizing the effect and slowing down the civilian casualties, outlines the strategic facts and clarification indicated as follows:"

"A committee, consisting of special representatives of Islamic Conference[s], UN human rights organizations, as well as representatives from ISAF forces and [the] Islamic of Emirate of Afghanistan, should be formed to assess the very issue and conduct investigations into the civilian casualties across the country."

"The stated committee should be given a free hand to survey the affected areas, as well as people, in order to collect the precise information and the facts and figures and disseminate its findings worldwide."

"Failure to pay attention to the said proposal outlined by [the] Islamic Emirate may be the same as denial of the human rights of the Afghans by UN and violation of the fact that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights, which may lead up to the conclusion that the Afghans cannot enjoy their equal and free rights; therefore, the frequently-repeated and raised issue concerning the civilian casualties by so-called human right[s] organization and others can only serve as a propaganda tool encouraging and daring the killers to push the war-stricken and oppressed Afghan masses far...[deeper] into the fire set by ISAF forces. If the UN and other related

organizations really want to carry out the job, they are to come up with optimistic and positive decision concerning the suggestion of the Islamic Emirate.”