



Taliban: “A Book of Rules”

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“Striving (Jihad) in the way of Allah (SWT) is the foremost duty of every Muslim. Jihad is the sole option through which we can restore the lost dignity and prestige of the Ummah. Quitting Jihad is the main reason behind the present sufferings of the Muslims across the world in the hands of Infidels (Kuffars). Mujahideen of Islamic Emirates of Afghanistan have been victoriously and gloriously resisting the Crusaders and their local cohorts with their blood and flesh. So at this decisive moment of our history it had become a dire need of the hour to set a guideline under the teachings of Islamic Sharia for the Mujahideen in their struggle against the enemies.”

“Preface

In the Booklet Imam and Deputy Imam refer to Amir-ul-Momenin Mullah Muhammad Omar and his Deputy respectively.

According to the book, death penalty will be granted with the consent of the Imam and his deputy. The provincial or districts Mujahideen Commanders or Administrators nominated by the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan are not authorized to issue death decree.

It is compulsory for all the Mujahideen, their provincial and districts' heads to strictly follow this new set of rules and regulations. All the materials issued prior to this booklet will be considered invalid.”

“1st Chapter

Granting Refuge:

- Any common Muslim can grant refuge to those who are part of Kabul based Afghan puppet government on the conditions that they will quit their job and stop receiving payments from the slave government. But those who have caused severe damages to the Mujahideen, their cause or common Afghans, their fate will be decided by the provincial Mujahideen commanders and organizational administrators of Islamic Emirate.
- If someone among the Mujahideen punishes a person who stops serving the foreigners (Crusaders), he will be trialed under Islamic law.
- A refuge can be granted to a person who offers to serve Mujahideen’s cause while remaining part of the enemy’s side.”

“2nd Chapter

Prisoners’ Dealing:

- When a group of Mujahideen imprisons an enemy whether local or foreigner, he will be handed over to the provincial commander. Now it depends upon him whether he keeps him or gives it to his counterpart (Commander of another Province).
- Employees of interior ministry, Afghan military personnel, local contractors, or having affiliations with any other department of the slave government if get imprisoned can be released in case of prisoners exchange, after being punished, in a goodwill gesture etc.
- Receiving money for prisoner’s release is forbidden. No one has the authority to execute the prisoners except Imam and his deputy.

- If the detainee is a local landlord, militia commander, provincial or district administrator of slave Afghan government, having any other influential status or foreign Muslim their fate will be decided by the Imam and his deputy. In case of capturing military infidel, his execution, release in prisoner exchange, receiving payment, in a goodwill gesture, all these matters will be dealt by the Imam and his deputy. If he embraces Islam, Imam and his deputy have the authority to release him after being ensured that he will not renounce his new religion.

Those enemy soldiers who surrender before Mujahideen will not be killed rather be encouraged and their act should be praised.

If a convoy of Mujahideen carrying enemy prisoners comes under attack, that cease their safe return to their base then they can kill the prisoners. But if they are doubtful about prisoner status then they have to release them.”

“3rd Chapter

How to Deal with Spies:

- In case of detaining a person who has been involved in spying on Mujahideen for the enemies, with sufficient evidences, he will be considered a convicted criminal. The provincial head of Mujahideen can imprison, punish or exile him. But has no authority to give him death penalty without the consent of Imam and his deputy.
- A person can be declared as an enemy’s spy or agent on the basis of either of the following three conditions:
 1. Eye witnessing by two persons.
 2. The accused personally accepts his involvement and crime.
 3. He will be considered a spy if he gets caught with spying equipments that are exclusively used for spying purposes.
- Acceptance of the crime from a person through torture, persecution or other forceful measures will not be considered viable. If Mujahideen make a promise with the person that if he accepts his crime he will not be killed, punished or will set him free and he admits, Mujahideen are bound to fulfill their promise.
- If someone gets death penalty for his crime, he will be killed with gunshot and making video of the event is forbidden.”

“4th Chapter

Enemy’s Logistics & Supplies:

- Those privately owned vehicles which are used for transportation of enemy’s logistics and supplies can be torched down or set free as a war stratagem but their utilization or exchange for money is forbidden.
- In case of capturing drivers of the above mentioned vehicles while transporting and delivering goods and supplies to enemy, they can give him penalty, release him in prisoners’ exchange or for a goodwill gesture. But If Mujahideen are unable to capture them alive then they can attack and destroy their vehicle.
- Those contractors who are helping the crusaders and their local allies by constructing their basis, providing food, fuel and military hardware despite frequent warnings from the Mujahideen, if they get captured, the provincial head of Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan can give penalty, set them free in prisoners’ exchange or after taking guarantees from their relatives or notables of their respective areas.
- Their release on payment is no allowed. Permission from Imam and his deputy is compulsory prior to give them death penalty.
- But if these Contractors don’t cease their activities and far from being captured then every Mujahid has the authority to target and kill them.”

“5th Chapter

Matter of War’s Booty:

Booty of war refers to the goods that are captured during a fight with the Kuffars.

- In Afghanistan, fifth portion of the captured war booty will be deposited with the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan nominated provincial head of Mujahideen. He will spend it on the general costs of the movement and the remaining four portions will be distributed among fighting Mujahideen and those who meet the following two conditions:
 1. Those Mujahideen who are so-close to battle field that in case of need they can reach there and help their fellow brothers against enemy.
 2. Those Mujahideen who are willing and ready to take part in the battle but being stopped by their commander due to constraints of time and situation.

Mujahideen who don’t fulfill the above mentioned criteria will not be entitled for war’s booty.

- If Mujahideen seize enemy’s goods, equipments or supplies without fight, it will be deposited in Bait-ul-Maal and would not be consider as war booty.
- In case of seizing cash amount from the departments of the puppet government of Afghanistan prior to its distribution among their workers in shape of salaries will be considered a war booty or Bait-ul-Maal.
- But if Mujahideen seize it directly from the workers, they can punish them with the consent of Imam, his deputy or provincial head of the Mujahideen. But they have no right over the amount.
- When Mujahideen ambush enemy’s supply convoys and capture enemy’s supplies, these will be considered as a war’s booty. But if they seize these without a fight then it will be deposited in Bait-ul-Maal.”

“6th Chapter

Formation and Dispatchment:

- The provincial Mujahideen heads are required to select a group of capable, qualified and skillful persons for assigned task and their strength must not be less than five members.
- The provincial heads of Mujahideen have to work to solve the disputes among the Mujahideen, between Mujahideen and common citizens etc.
- They have to ensure the enforcement of Islamic Emirate’s declarations, instructions, announcements, judgments, summons and verdicts. They have to work for edification and reformation of the Mujahideen. In case of violation of these rules, the offender and transgressor will be handed over to the provincial chiefs of Mujahideen.
- Creation of new Mujahideen groups is prohibited. But in case of dire need, permission from provincial organizational administrator and Mujahideen Commander of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan is obligatory. Self-created and independent groups need to be well-organized and well-ordered. But if they lack these fundamental traits and refuse to obey the instructions, then these groups must be neutralized and disarmed.
- The provincial organizational administrator should set up a sharia based committee consisting of three members including a Qazi (Jurist) and two respected and well-qualified Ulema of the area to deal with major and serious affairs that cannot be handled by ordinary clerics and Mujahideen commanders of the towns and villages.
- Formulation and planning at provincial level can be modified by the provincial organizational administrator with the advice of provincial Mujahideen commander. If they both don’t agree over the decision the issue will be referred to Imam or his deputy. Then, they will take a final decision.”

7th chapter
Intra-Mujahideen Affairs:



* Mujahideen are obliged to work under the above hierarchic order and obey its instructions if it does not contradict with *Islamic Sharia*.

- Taqwa (guarding against evils), bravery and boldness, affection and generosity, wisdom and strategy are the attributes required for the selection of an administrator or commander.
- A Mujahideen Commander can perform Jihad in a district or province not under his control with the permission of the respective district or province Mujahideen' head. In this case he will work under latter's subordination.
- If a Mujahid commits a crime, his group or district commander will require to refer him to the provincial head of the Mujahideen who will give his final decision with the consent of provincial administrator designated by the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan whether to expel him from the group or not. If he seeks Tauba 'Allah (SWT)'s forgiveness' for his crime than he might rejoin his group.
- A Mujahideen commander is not entitled to invite Mujahideen from other group for increasing his strength. But if a Mujahid from one group is willing to join another group, he can do this. In this case, he has no right over the things and goods given to him by his former group for Jihad or its war booty. He has to hand over all such things to his previous group before quitting it.
- If a Mujahideen commander wants to join another group in another province, he will be allowed on the condition that the provincial commander of the respective province will have to inform and examine his profile from his previous provincial commander."

“Martyrdom Operations’

- The following four conditions are required before carrying out Martyrdom Operations.
 - 1) The Martyrdom seeker must be well-trained prior to attack.
 - 2) Such attacks should be carried out against major and main targets. The brave sons of Muslim Ummah must not be sacrificed for minor and less-important targets.
 - 3) The utmost steps must be taken to avoid civilian human loss in Martyrdom operations.
 - 4) The Mujahideen are required to seek authorization and instructions of Provincial commanders for such operations.”

“8th Chapter

Education and Training:

- Group commanders of the Mujahideen are not authorized to intervene in the affairs of the local population. If the local inhabitants of the area seek Mujahideen’s mediation and arbitration for the settlement of their disputes then provincial or districts leaders of Mujahideen can mediate to resolve their disputes.
- Provincial, districts’ leaders and rest of Mujahideen are bound to take best possible steps to ensure safety and security of the civilian’s life and property. In case of violation Punishment will be granted to the offender.
- A person, Mujahid or Mujahideen leader who is doing injustice and maltreatment with people in the name of Taliban needs to be reformed by the provincial head. If he doesn’t, he must be referred to the head of the movement. Where he will be given strict punishment for his crimes and if needed he must be expelled from the movement.”

“9th Chapter

Official Forbiddance:

- The previous campaign launched by Taliban for the recovery of arms through forceful measures in the name of Bait-ul-Maal will not be re-practiced. Arms can be taken with the willingness of the owner.
- Smoking is strictly forbidden for Mujahideen.
- Mujahideen have to avoid company of the youngsters without having beard, specially keeping them in camps.
- Mutilation is strictly forbidden in sacred Islamic Sharia. Therefore Mujahideen are instructed to strictly stay away from such Practices.
- Mujahideen of Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan will restrain from forceful collection of Zakat & Ushar from people. People are free to deposit their Zakat & Ushar wherever they want.
- Mujahideen are required to avoid house search. If it’s imperative, then it should be conducted with the permission of district leader of the Emirate, having company of the local Imam-e-Masjid and two elders with white beards of the respective village.
- Kidnapping for ransom is strictly banned. The leaders of the area must take steps to stop this practice immediately. If a group or an individual is committing such crime in guise of Taliban, the provincial head of the Islamic Emirate will disarm them with the consent of the leader of the Movement.”

“10th Chapter

General Advice:

- Every group leader of Mujahideen is required to spare special time for Jihadi training, as well as religious and moral teachings and learnings of his colleagues.
- If there is no danger, Mujahideen should say their prayers in Mosque with Jamat. If not possible then they can arrange it with jamat in their camps. Recitation of Holy Quran and Zikar is fundamental for the strength and satisfaction of hearts. Mujahideen must make it habitual.

- All members of the Islamic Emirate should make best efforts to persuade members of the enemy's side for surrendering and laying down their arms. If Mujahideen make promises with them, they will have to fulfill. Resultantly this will make enemy's side weak, remove hurdles for Mujahideen and they will also get arms and ammunitions.
- Mujahideen should behave well with general public and make efforts to bring their hearts closer to them. It must be the quality of a Mujahid to present himself as a role model for a common man.
- Mujahideen must avoid discrimination on tribal, ethnic and geographical bases.
- The provincial head of the movement should struggle to make accountable his subordinates regarding war's booty.
- The physical appearance of Mujahideen e.g. hair cut, dress, shoes etc should be based on Islamic Sharia and matched with local inhabitants. It will ensure their safety as well as residents of the respective village and town."

"11th Chapter

About the 'The book of Rules':

- An amendment in this book is the sole authority of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan designated Advisory Council. If someone else dares to bring changes or violates it rules his excuse will not be accepted.
- In case of facing a situation that is not discussed in the booklet, Mujahideen should take advice from their district leader, if he fails too then the issue must be referred to provincial head. Provincial head can refer it to head of the organization.
- It is compulsory for all the Mujahideen to act upon and follow this book. The violator will be punished according to *Islamic Sharia*."