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In the name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful

To: All wilayat, diwans and committees

Subject: Instructions Regarding the Right Hand Possess [slaves]

All praise due to God only and peace and prayers be upon the seal of prophets.

Thereafter,

May peace be upon you, God's mercy and His blessings.

Almighty God says: "And who guard their private parts, Except with those joined to them in the marriage bond, or whom their right hands possess,- for they are free from blame, But those whose desires exceed those limits are transgressors." Surat al-Mu'minun [The Believers]

Anas, may God be pleased with him, said: "The last will of the Messenger of God, God's prayers and peace be upon him, when death approaches him was: 'The prayer and those whom your right hands possess.'" That means: maintain your prayers and be kind to your slaves. Therefore, whomever owned, by Allah's permission, slaves should fear Almighty God when treating them, teach them the correct creed and shari'a rulings, such as prayer, fast and others, and deeply understand the rulings of slavery and read the publications issued by the office of Research and Studies and others to avoid falling in shari'a prohibitions. [Therefore], they should abide by the following:

1- The owner of a slave should take her [to live] in his house with his family so she'll be educated and learn the religion and the rulings of shari'a. if that is not doable, he should rent a house for her and pay for the rent from his own money. The diwan of Real Estate and its offices in the Wilayat or any other party should not grant the brother a house to have his slave live in it. It is completely prohibited to have one house where brothers can gather their slaves in it nor they are allowed to have the slave live in a headquarter of a guesthouse.

2- All brothers who own slaves should register them in the court and a contract [signed] by the judge should be issued to clarify how she was owned.

3- Due to violations and mistakes we've seen regarding this issue, it is not permissible to sell, buy or gift slaves and other exchange outside of the court and with a contract [signed] by the judge to prove that.

4- It is completely prohibited to allow any slave to use outside communication devices such as phones, internet and others. [TC: I think by outside they meant devices that allow their users to contact people outside of IS territories].

5- The execution of these instruction will be followed, and the violators will be asked and punished in a proper way; which could reach the confiscation of the slave. Hence, all emirs of units should submit reports about those who violate or lack in the execution of these instructions; especially, in the sell, buy and gift [of slaves].

May God rewards you good

A copy to:

The Delegated Committee in the Eastern Wilayat

[There were two stamps and signature provided, one by a person signed for the Delegated Committee and the other one by a person named Abu 'Abd al-Rahman, who is a wali but the name of the wilayah is unclear. Both signatures were date 10/19/1437 which is the same date in the header].