

## ***Joint Statement regarding the viewing and usage of TV for propagation purposes***

The following Darul Ulooms are of the view that it is impermissible to watch television even if the content of the programme is Islamic. They also firmly believe that using the television for the purpose of propagating Islam will bring more harm than good in its wake.

- ***Darul Uloom Azaadville (c/o Maulana Abdul Hamid Is'haq Sahib)***
- ***Darul Uloom Zakariyya (c/o Maulana Shabbir Saloojee Sahib)***
- ***Darul-Uloom Abubakr, Port Elizabeth(c/o Mufti Siraj Desai Sahib)***
- ***Darul Uloom Newcastle (c/o Maulana Ismail Akoo Sahib)***
- ***Madrasah Taleemuddeen, Isipingo Beach, (c/o Mufti Ebrahim Salejee Sahib)***
- ***Madrasah Inaamiyyah, Camperdown, (c/o Maulana Mahmood Madani Sahib)***
- ***Jameah Mahmoodiyah, Springs (c/o Mufti Ismail Abdur Rahim Sahib)***
- ***Madrasah Ashraful Uloom, De Deur (c/o Mufti Hashim Boda Sahib)***

In view of these negative and harmful consequences, the Darul Ulooms urge one and all to *totally* refrain from watching any programmes of whatever nature on television.

Instead resort to the traditional methods of acquiring Deen, from the Ulama, Mashaikh, Madaaris, by participating in the activities of the Tabligh Jamaat, etc.

To conclude, we reproduce the statement of a great luminary of the recent past, Hazrat Allamah Yusuf Binnori rahmatullah alaih. He said:

*"Allah Ta'ala has not made us mukallaf (duty bound) to use any and every means possible, in order to bring people onto Deen. Yes, we have most definitely been made mukallaf (duty bound) to use the various permissible means and methods of propagating Deen at our disposal. Together with commanding us to propagate and spread Deen, Islam has shown us the method and aadaab (etiquette) of propagating Deen as well. We are mukallaf (duty bound) to propagate Deen, but within the confines of those methods and aadaab. We will extend our heart and soul for those who are prepared to listen to our Da'wah through the correct and permissible means, but as for those who are only prepared to listen to our Da'wah if it is done via those means and methods which are not permissible, like videos and films, then we are ma'zoor (excused) from conveying the message to such persons in such a manner."* [Adapted from Ulama-e-deoband kê aakhree lamhaat pg.170/171]