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Directive on the Media Code of Conduct No. 08/2024

The Interim Executive Council of Karenni State shall ensure that freelance journalists visiting Karenni State, including local and foreign news media, adhere to the following media code of conduct:

1) Any news media agency that travels to Karenni State to cover news must notify the Karenni State Interim Executive Council, along with a recommendation letter from the appropriate news agency.

2) If permission is granted to stay, they must notify the relevant village/ward, village tract, and township administrations.

3) To ensure the safety of media personnel, they shall travel to the location where they intend to cover the news with the approval of the necessary commanders and commanding forces.

4) When they go in the field to gather information and cover news, they will wear the uniform of the appropriate news media organization and present their journalist ID to request access to news or information.

5) Karenni State's Interim Executive Council will not control the media; any media outlet will have unrestricted access to information. However, it interdicts acts that impair the Karenni State's military operations and governance and actions that support an illegitimate military junta during the revolution.

6) Because this is a revolution-affected territory, if any activities violate the media code of conduct, the Interim Executive Council of Karenni State will assemble the appropriate news media agencies and conduct a mediation/negotiation process.

7) The media must respect the culture, traditions, and customs of the ethnic groups and ethnicities in Karenni State.

8) Freelance journalists, both domestic and foreign, who arrive in Karenni State will be allowed to cover news if they follow the media code of conduct.

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