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### **Public Notification**

This is with regard to the viral posts in social media platforms making communal and racist statements.

The Media Council of Bhutan would like to request social media users to refrain from posting/sharing/imitating contents that may incite religious, ethnic, regional or communal conflicts. Please take note that you may be legally liable for what you post and share in a public forum (social media pages, groups and forums).

Article 7, Section 22 of The Constitution of the Kingdom of Bhutan states “Notwithstanding the rights conferred by this constitution, nothing in this article shall prevent the state from subjecting reasonable restrictions by law, when it concerns: (d) incitement to an offence on the grounds of race, sex, language, religion or region.”

Additionally Section 2.2(b, c) of the Rules and Regulations on Content 2019 states that Content which incite religious, ethnic, regional or communal conflict and content that is offensive to public feeling and abusive & threatening in nature are unlawful.

Therefore, the Media Council of Bhutan would like to request the general public to kindly refrain from engaging with such contents through any media platforms. Let us use social media responsibly for credible information, entertainment and educational purposes.

For your safety and ours, if you come across such contents on any social media platform, you may report such contents to the concerned social media platform or you may write to us at [mediacouncil@mediacouncil.gov.bt](mailto:mediacouncil@mediacouncil.gov.bt).

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