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cademic freedom is both a "core value and governing principle of our institutions. The Kabul University, which is a public institution, has always stood for academic freedom. It is an institution that allows students and academics to express their views on the most challenging and tough cultural, economic and political issues, and such academic settings must be free from political interventions and external political groups. When we have such a nepotistic and corrupt government, we need to germinate a particular ideology, political movement, religious or social movement, which will not allow the government to make sure that the university does not be compromised and is not captive to be anything of the above. This is the real ethos of academic freedom at Kabul University. Without realising such discussions in the class may hurt the public mindset about the hard issues because the authorities think that holding such discussions may upset the public and bring instability to the country.

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