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**Expression of opinions on social media by public officers**

Your attention is drawn to Sub Section 3:2, Chapter XXXI, Volume I of the Establishments Code, revised by Public Administration Circular 06/2019 dated 27.02.2019, Sections 6 and 7, Chapter XLVII, Volume II of the Establishments Code, and Public Administration Circular 04/2015 dated 29.01.2015 issued on “Issuing statements to the mass media”.

02. Expressing opinions on social media by a public officer without following the provisions of Sections 6 and 7, Chapter XLVII, Volume II of the Establishments Code shall constitute an offence that leads to taking disciplinary action as stipulated in Section 03 of the Public Administration Circular 04/2015.

03. Furthermore, carrying out an activity that should not be carried out by an officer who is not entitled to the exercise of political rights as per Section I, Chapter XXXII, Volume I of the Establishments Code, through social media by an officer not entitled to the exercise of political rights shall also constitute an offence that leads to taking disciplinary action.

04. Therefore, disciplinary action should be taken against such officers.

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