

## **ZFI'S RESPONSE TO A CABLE TV'S EMAIL**

On Aug 26, 2020 a man purportedly representing a cable tv called the ZFI Office and said that he wanted to interview the ZFI. The ZFI Office requested him to email the questions. But these were never received.

2. Seventeen days later an email message was received by ZFI from the cable tv on September 12, 2020 at 18.06 hours without giving the name of the sender and stating that they are presenting a special series on *UPSC Jihad*. "During our program research we found your organisation to have direct / indirect links with anti-India and terror linked organisations. We want to give you sufficient opportunity to clarify your stand and clear the doubts. So we are inviting you for a debate today at 8 PM."

3. ZFI's response to this mail is as follows:

4. When a patriotic nationalist comes across a piece of information suggesting the possibility of an anti-national connection or activity he should inform the Government for appropriate action in order to protect the national interest. Instead of doing this, the cable tv chose to revel in 'debating' it in a program aired on the network.

5. Also, no facts, data or documents were received by ZFI from the cable tv on which it was going to rely. That indicates the hollowness of the preconceived 'information' and the ulterior motive of the orchestrated exercise.

6. In the cable tv's email the use of the word 'Jihad' seems out of place. As per Encyclopedia Britannica it means 'a meritorious struggle or effort'. Primarily it refers to the 'human struggle to promote what is right and to prevent what is wrong'. So, the program's title itself deserves to be reconfigured.

7. The basic data shown on cable tv was copied either from the ZFI website or from the Government website showing information provided by ZFI. But, interestingly, the figures shown on screen were orally read out as if these were ten fold higher thus deliberately misconstruing the data - obviously with malafide intention.

8. Nonetheless, if there are any genuine lawfully worded specific questions supported with documentary evidence these are welcome to be emailed to ZFI for its well considered response.

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In Hinduism, Yama 10 mandates upholding the ethics of purity and avoiding impurity in mind, body and speech. We would do well to evaluate ourselves in this divine light.