

Dushanbe Mayor Bans 'Nontraditional' Music On Public Transport

DUSHANBE -- The mayor of the Tajik capital, Dushanbe, has banned music in the city's public transportation system that is "alien to national and universal human values."

The mayor's office announced on January 10 that, according to a resolution signed by Makhmadsaid Ubaidulloev, special raids will be regularly held to monitor the usage of music.

The campaign will be conducted jointly by the Interior Ministry and the Ministry of Culture.

Tajik authorities have been raising the issue of using music on public transport for months.

Concerns were expressed regarding songs glorifying the criminal world, songs with sexual content, and music that propagates "non-traditional Islam."

A telephone hotline has already been established for complaints by passengers.

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