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ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF BHUTAN

PHUENTSHOLING THROMDE

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### Public Notification

It has been observed that prayer flags (Lung Dhars) are hoisted and hung along both sides of Omchhu and all over the bridges in and around the Thromde area. While the Thromde Administration fully respects the religious beliefs and public sentiments for hoisting and hanging the prayer flags, it was felt that the location was not appropriate for hoisting and hanging prayer flags. It has been noted that as much as the Thromde Administration tries to maintain the cleanliness but the area is mostly flooded with waste and people do not necessarily show respect to the religious sentiments of the prayer flags as expected. Further, disposing of the old withered prayer flags has also become a concern and at times it is not disposed of properly. Consequently, compromising the sanctity and religious significance of the prayer flags. Recently, the Thromde Administration has removed all the old withered prayer flags along Omchu and burned them to dispose properly and this has raised concerns among a few individuals stating it to be inappropriate as per the environmental rules.

Therefore, the Phuentsholing Thromde Administration would like to sincerely request all the residents and the general public to kindly refrain from hoisting and hanging any kind of prayer flags in and around the Thromde area, especially in public spaces such as bridges, banks of Omchu, and other public areas.

**Phuentsholing Thromde**