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**Dear PBA Members,**

*Secretariat*

Please broadcast the following Press Release of Pakistan Broadcasters Association (PBA) in news broadcast of your esteemed channels.

**“PBA PRESS RELEASE**

*Karachi: February 18, 2015: Pakistan Broadcasters Association (PBA) took notice on one of its FM member's complaint objecting the illegal live ball by ball cricket commentary of the ongoing World Cup 2015 on Radio Pakistan (PBC). According to FM 107 (pvt) Ltd. they hold exclusive Rights of the ICC Cricket Radio Broadcast for Pakistan and Afghanistan and the Radio Pakistan had no Legal Rights to do so.*

*The statement said, PBA being the central welfare organization of the broadcasters in Pakistan is also aimed to protect its members from any infringement upon the legal and constitutional rights and liberties. Hence, airing of live cricket commentary by Radio Pakistan through its AM stations in various cities of Pakistan without entering into any contract with the Rights Holder (FM 107 Pvt. Ltd.) not only tantamount to violation of National / International Laws but is also against the objectives of the Association.*

*PBA condemns such blatant violations of national and international norms and laws, especially from a State Broadcaster. PBA demands the Radio Pakistan for immediate stoppage of live commentary from all of PBC's radio stations”.*

*Sincerely for,*  
Pakistan Broadcasters Association



**Muhammad Ali Butt**  
Executive Director