

PRESS RELEASE

“Karachi, January 26, 2016: Yesterday, The KPK Home department issued a letter on the request of the KPK Apex Committee, asking the Federal Govt. to ban all live coverage of terrorist incidents. The Pakistan Broadcasters Association realizes the nation is going through a very challenging time and the entire country has to come together including the 4th Estate. PBA now and in the past also has accepted that any coverage live or otherwise that aids terrorists with location, timing, troops movement etc must be avoided at all cost. It is also accepted that the coverage that glorifies terrorists must be avoided at all times. Any such Violations should be penalized. However, independent media's responsibility is also to its viewers and the public at large who can benefit from information of such incidents. Live reporting not only helps in saving lives and preventing injuries, it helps in bringing the nation together. In many ways the APS coverage helped create a unified national response. Coverage of such events is not banned in any progressive country. Any such ban that impedes the citizens' right to information will not be supported by PBA”.

Sincerely for,

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