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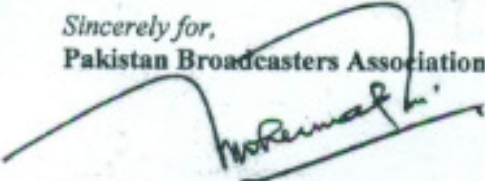
### **PRESS RELEASE**

**KARACHI: January 26, 2017:** *"Pakistan Broadcasters Association (PBA) condemns hate-speech and incitement to violence by Axact's TV channel, BOL, and their host Amir Liaquat against leading journalists, civil society activists and members of PBA.*

*In the past also Amir Liaquat has been accused of hate speech and incitement to violence and the UK government has banned his entry related to similar reasons. PBA condemns all forms of hate speech and stands by civil society and journalists. PBA encourages the government, PEMRA, law enforcement authorities and judiciary to play their legal role in protecting those victims and prosecuting those who use it as a weapon for their own vested interest.*

*Axact is being prosecuted for conducting a fake degree business across the world from Pakistan. The New York Times first broke the story in May 2015 and subsequently the USA's Federal Bureau of Investigation has also confirmed that Axact was operating fake degree websites. The sponsors of Axact have had their bank accounts frozen in USA based on this business activity and a senior employee of Axact was arrested in USA in December 2016. The USA Justice Dept is prosecuting a case against the Axact employee for over Rs 150 billion (US Dollars 140 million). In Pakistan the case is being investigated by the FIA however all the four main prosecutors have resigned due to unknown reasons and their replacements have not been hired so far".*

Sincerely for,  
Pakistan Broadcasters Association

  
**Muhammad Ali Butt**  
Executive Director