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"KARACHI, February 12, 2017: In a statement issued today the Pakistan Broadcasters Association (PBA) strongly condemned the attack on the DSNG van of Samaa TV in Karachi which resulted in the death of an assistant camera man.

PBA has previously on several occasions expressed serious concerns over the attacks and threats to the Media outlets but no concrete steps have been taken by the authorities so far to provide security to media organisations and their workers. PBA termed this attack as a serious threat to freedom of expression and independent media. It further said that media must be allowed to perform its duties freely as enshrined in the constitution of Pakistan.

PBA expresses complete solidarity with its member channel SAMAA TV and the journalist community against these acts of violence. PBA reiterated its demand for providing security to media houses.

PBA also demanded from the Government immediate action to apprehend the culprits"

Sincerely for, Pakistan Broadcasters Association Muhammad Ali Butt Executive Director